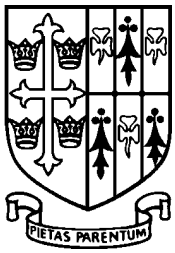
ST EDWARD'S
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16+ ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

For entry in
September 2015

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Time: 1 hour

Candidates Name: ……

Instructions to Candidates

Answer **TWO** full questions. You must answer parts a, b and c for each of your choices.
You are advised to spend 30 minutes on each question.

Question One (The Environment)

a. Describe four ways humans could help preserve and protect the environment. (4)

b. Explain the concept of Stewardship in one major world religion. (8)

c. 'Religions have bigger issues to resolve than the environment.' Discuss this statement. In your answer you must include more than one point of view, at least one of which should be from a major world religion. You must also come to a justified personal opinion. (8)

Question Two (Evil and Suffering)

a. Describe and illustrate the differences between natural and moral evil. (4)

b. Explain why the problem of evil and suffering is problematic for one major world religion. (8)

c. 'God would not permit evil and suffering.' Discuss this statement. In your answer you must include more than one point of view, at least one of which should be from a major world religion. You must also come to a justified personal opinion. (8)

Question Three (Medical Ethics)

a. Describe the UK laws on euthanasia. (4)

b. Explain the arguments (religious and/or non-religious) for and against genetic engineering. (8)

c. 'Abortions should not take place.' Discuss this statement. In your answer you must include more than one point of view. You must also come to a justified personal opinion. (8)

Question Four (Life after Death)

a. Describe four features of the afterlife within one major world religion. (4)

b. Explain the relationship between this life and the next in one major world religion. (8)

c. 'There is no life after death.' Discuss this statement. In your answer you must include more than one point of view, at least one of which should be from a major world religion. You must also come to a justified personal opinion. (8)

Question Five (Religion and Science)

a. Describe two similarities between Scientific and Religious Knowledge. (4)

b. Explain why some religious believers feel their beliefs threatened by advancements in science. (8)

c. 'Science can fully explain the existence of both the universe and humans.' Discuss this statement. In your answer you must include more than one point of view. You must also come to a justified personal opinion. (8)