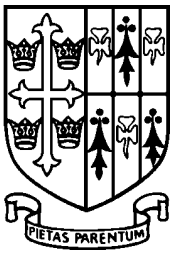
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16+ ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

For entry in
September 2016

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. State four ways in which humans pollute the environment. (4)

b. Explain the relationship between humans and the environment in one major world religion. (8)

c. 'The world would be a better place without humans.' 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. State four examples of natural evil. (4)

b. Outline the key ideas of two possible solutions to the problem of evil and suffering in one major world religion. (8)

c. 'There is no plausible solution to the problem of evil.' 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. Outline the process of IVF. (4)

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

c. 'Genetic engineering is playing God.' 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 two features of the afterlife within one major world religion. (4)

b. Explain what happens after death in one major world religion. (8)

c. 'After death you will be judged on your actions.' 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 a scientific account of the origins of human beings. (4)

b. Explain why some scientists believe we should not be religious. (8)

c. 'There is no conflict between religion and science.' 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)