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THEOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

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Specimen Paper

Date

Time allowed: 60 minutes

Information

This paper is divided into three sections, each worth 20 marks.

Each section contains four questions.

Instructions

Answer **two** questions. Answer **one** question from any **two** of the three sections.

Roman Catholic schools taking part F of Section 3 (Roman Catholic Christianity) must combine it with Section 1 – Theology.

You have 60 minutes to complete the examination paper. You should spend no more than 30 minutes on each question.

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SECTION 1: THEOLOGY

If you are choosing this section, answer ONE question.

God's Relationship with the World

1. Crossing the Sea

- (a) Outline what happened at the crossing of the sea. [6]
- (b) Explain why this event is often thought to be a miracle. [6]
- (c) 'The Crossing of the Sea was just luck.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

2. Miracles

- (a) Outline one miracle Jesus performed. [6]
- (b) Explain what this miracle story teaches. [6]
- (c) 'Faith in people is more important than faith in God.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

Human Responses to God

3. Cain and Abel

- (a) Outline what happened after Cain had killed Abel. [6]
- (b) Explain what this story teaches about humans. [6]
- (c) 'We would all do bad things if there were no punishments.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

4. Parables

- (a) Outline one of Jesus' parables. [6]
- (b) Explain why Jesus used parables to teach. [6]
- (c) 'Parables are supposed to be difficult to understand.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

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SECTION 2: PHILOSOPHY

If you are choosing this section, answer ONE question.

Use a new piece of paper for this section.

Great Thinkers and Their Ideas

1. Life and thought of a great thinker

- (a) Briefly outline the life of either John Stuart Mill or Martin Luther King. [6]
- (b) Explain two reasons why either John Stuart Mill or Martin Luther King thought society should be reformed. [6]
- (c) 'Society will never achieve justice.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

2. God's existence

- (a) Outline an argument from design for God's existence. [6]
- (b) Explain why many consider that the design argument for God's existence is not persuasive. [6]
- (c) 'God's existence can easily be proved.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

Ethics

3. Punishment

- (a) Outline three different aims of punishment. [6]
- (b) Explain why some people think that prison is not a good form of punishment. [6]
- (c) 'Punishment must never inflict harm on the offender.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

4. The environment

- (a) Outline the reasons why some people think there is an environmental crisis. [6]
- (b) Explain the ethical reasons why animals should be treated with respect. [6]
- (c) 'There is nothing wrong with eating meat.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

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SECTION 3: RELIGION

If you are choosing this section, answer ONE question.

Use a new piece of paper for this section.

A: BUDDHISM

Buddhist Beliefs and Teachings

1. Four Noble Truths

- (a) Outline the Four Noble Truths. [6]
- (b) Explain what is meant by dharma in Buddhism. [6]
- (c) 'No one can stop craving something.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

2. Ethical teachings

- (a) Outline with examples what is meant by karma. [6]
- (b) Explain Buddhist teaching on re-becoming (samsara). [6]
- (c) 'The most important teaching in Buddhism is respect for all sentient life.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

Buddhist Practices and Ceremonies

3. Meditation

- (a) Describe a Zen meditation. [6]
- (b) Explain why Buddhists meditate. [6]
- (c) 'Anyone can meditate.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

4. Buddhist places of worship

- (a) Describe the main features of a Buddhist temple. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of rupas in worship. [6]
- (c) 'Temples and shrines are unnecessary in Buddhism.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

B: CHRISTIANITY

Christian Beliefs and Teachings

5. The Trinity

- (a) Outline Christian teaching on God the Father. [6]
- (b) Explain why Christians believe God is one. [6]
- (c) 'No one can really know who God is.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

6. Beliefs and teachings relating to Jesus Christ

- (a) Outline what happened at Jesus' resurrection. [6]
- (b) Explain why the resurrection is important for Christians. [6]
- (c) 'Everyone goes to heaven.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

Christian Practices and Ceremonies

7. Rites of passage

- (a) Outline what happens in a typical church marriage ceremony. [6]
- (b) Explain the promises the couple make to each other. [6]
- (c) 'Christian couples should never divorce.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

8. Festivals and celebrations

- (a) Outline one Christian festival you have studied. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of this festival for Christians. [6]
- (c) 'Religious festivals should always be fun.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

C: HINDUISM

Hindu Beliefs and Teachings

9. Key beliefs and concepts

- (a) Outline the Hindu teaching on Brahman. [6]
- (b) Explain the relationship of atman with Brahman. [6]
- (c) 'There is no evidence for reincarnation.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

10. Manifestations of the divine

- (a) Describe one Hindu deity. [6]
- (b) Explain this deity's symbols. [6]
- (c) 'It is not possible to be an atheist and a Hindu.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

Hindu Practices and Ceremonies

11. Forms of worship and meditation

- (a) Outline what happens at puja. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of darshan. [6]
- (c) 'Shrines are unnecessary in Hindu worship.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

12. Festivals

- (a) Outline one Hindu festival you have studied. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of this festival for Hindus. [6]
- (c) 'Religious festivals should always be fun.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

D: ISLAM

Muslim Beliefs and Teachings

13. Prophets: Muhammad

- (a) Outline Muhammad's call on Mount Hira. [6]
- (b) Explain how Muhammad's message was received in Makkah. [6]
- (c) 'A true prophet is never respected in his lifetime.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

14. The Will of God

- (a) Outline Muslim teaching on the oneness of God. [6]
- (b) Explain Muslim teaching on the Day of Judgement. [6]
- (c) 'If God knows all things, then there is no point in being good.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

Muslim Practices and Ceremonies

15. Five Pillars of Islam: salah

- (a) Describe how Muslims pray. [6]
- (b) Explain the importance of prayer in Muslim daily life. [6]
- (c) 'Prayer at home is more important than in the mosque.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

16. Festivals

- (a) Outline one Muslim festival you have studied. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of this festival for Muslims. [6]
- (c) 'Religious festivals should always focus on God.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

E: JUDAISM

Jewish Beliefs and Teachings

18. Covenant

- (a) Outline the Shema. [6]
- (b) Explain what is meant by covenant in Judaism. [6]
- (c) 'For a Jew only, the covenant gives meaning to life.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

17. World to come

- (a) Outline what is meant by the eternal state (olam ha'ba). [6]
- (b) Explain Jewish teaching on what happens to a person when they die. [6]
- (c) 'Life after death is not desirable.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

Jewish Practices and Ceremonies

19. Law

- (a) Describe how the Torah is used in worship. [6]
- (b) Explain what is meant by the oral law. [6]
- (c) 'Food laws are essential in Judaism.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

20. Festivals

- (a) Describe one Jewish festival you have studied. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of this festival for Jews. [6]
- (c) 'Religious festivals should always focus on the family.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

F: ROMAN CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY

Roman Catholic Beliefs and Teachings

21. God and the World

- (a) Outline Roman Catholic teaching on the Communion of Saints. [6]
- (b) Explain the Church's attitude to other world religions. [6]
- (c) 'Only good Christians go to heaven.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

22. Sacraments

- (a) Describe what happens at a baptism. [6]
- (b) Explain why baptism is a sacrament. [6]
- (c) 'If a person is not baptised they cannot be a Christian.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

Roman Catholic Practices and Ceremonies

23. Prayer and life of the Church

- (a) Outline the role of a bishop. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of the laity in the Church. [6]
- (c) 'The Lord's Prayer is the most important Christian prayer.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

24. Festivals and the Liturgical Year

- (a) Outline what happens at the festival of Pentecost. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of Good Friday. [6]
- (c) 'Pentecost is the most important festival in the life of the Church.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

G: SIKHISM

Sikh Beliefs and Teachings

25. God's nature

- (a) Outline the Mul Mantra prayer. [6]
- (b) Explain Sikh teaching on eliminating ego (haumi). [6]
- (c) 'There is more evidence for God's cruelty than His kindness.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

26. Service to others

- (a) Outline what is meant by the Khalsa. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of being a member of the Khalsa. [6]
- (c) 'If all Sikhs are equal, there is no need for the Khalsa today.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

Sikh Practices and Ceremonies

28. Gurdwara

- (a) Describe the key features of a gurdwara. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of the gurdwara in the Sikh community. [6]
- (c) 'All religions should have a free kitchen like the Sikh langar.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

27. Festivals

- (a) Describe one Sikh festival you have studied. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of this festival for Sikhs. [6]
- (c) 'Religious festivals should always be fun.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

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