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STUDIES of RELIGION

(REL315116)

Time allowed for this paper

- Working time: 3 hours
- Plus 15 minutes recommended reading time

Pages:	8
Questions:	6

Candidate Instructions

1. You **MUST** make sure that your responses to the questions in this examination paper will show your achievement in the criteria being assessed.
2. This paper has **THREE** sections.
3. You must answer **ONE** question from each section in essay form.
4. You should spend approximately **60 minutes** on each answer.
5. Answer each section in a **separate** answer booklet.
6. All questions are of equal value.
7. All written responses must be in English.

On the basis of your performance in this examination, the examiners will provide results on each of the following criteria taken from the course statement:

Criterion 1 Uses ideas and concepts in discussing religious traditions and ethical perspectives.

Criterion 2 Structure and communicate ideas and information.

Criterion 3 Analyse religious and non-religious traditions and ethical perspectives.

Criterion 4 Use evidence to support own interpretations and religious and ethical arguments of others.

Criterion 5 Analyse the expression of religious and ethical viewpoints in society.

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SECTION A

Religious Traditions and Beliefs

Answer **ONE** question in this section.

Use a separate answer booklet for this section.

This section assesses **Criteria 1, 2, 3 and 5**.

Question 1

Referring to key beliefs and practices of a religious tradition you have studied, how might adherents of that tradition respond to what the cartoon has to say about the afterlife and/or consequences that follow from the way we have lived our lives?



“How much do you know?
And how much do you just suspect?”

Question 2

“Faith urges us to prioritise social justice and climate change”

Referring to key beliefs and practices of a religious tradition you have studied, explain how that tradition views the relationship between human beings and the world, and analyse whether these views might support or reject the quotation above.

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SECTION B

Significant Challenge and Change - Historical and Contemporary

Answer **ONE** question from this section.

You **MUST** focus on a different religious tradition to the one you chose in Section A as per the course document.

Use a separate answer booklet for this section.

This section assesses **Criteria 1, 2, 3 and 4.**

Question 3

Considering the impact of a contemporary challenge on a religious tradition you have studied:

Briefly explain the challenge before considering how this challenge has impacted on the tradition and its relationship to the wider society. Support your answer with some consideration of the usefulness and contestability of your sources.

Question 4

Considering the response(s) of a religious tradition you have studied to an historical challenge:

Briefly outline the challenge and responses to it before considering the impact these responses have had on the tradition. Support your answer with some consideration of the usefulness and contestability of your sources.

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SECTION C

Ethics and Morality

Answer **ONE** question from this section.

Use a separate answer booklet for this section.

This section assesses **Criteria 1, 2, 4 and 5.**

Question 5

Referring to an ethical issue of vital importance to human life:

What are some of the key questions that need to be raised in relation to this issue? Briefly outline and evaluate both a religious and a non-religious ethical response to these questions.

Question 6

Referring to one religious or non-religious ethical framework:

Analyse how that ethical framework has contributed to contemporary debate on ethical issues.



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