



NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2012

RELIGION STUDIES: PAPER II

Time: 2 hours

150 marks

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

1. This paper consists of 2 pages. Please check that your question paper is complete.
 2. Read the questions carefully.
 3. Answer ANY THREE questions. All questions are, unless otherwise indicated, essays. Each question is worth 50 marks.
 4. Credit will be given for creative insight.
 5. Number your answers exactly as the questions are numbered.
 6. It is in your own interest to write neatly and legibly.
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QUESTION 1

As society changes, so do its beliefs about God. Discuss this statement from the point of view of Islam OR Judaism OR Christianity.

[50]**QUESTION 2**

This year you studied a single religion in depth. Write an essay in which you do the following:

- Name the principal sacred texts of the religion that you studied.
- Explain the importance of the sacred texts for your chosen religion.
- Discuss how these texts are applied in your chosen religion.

[50]**QUESTION 3**

'A proper understanding of conflicts in the world is often difficult, since the media reporting them either lack sufficient knowledge of, or else are not interested in, the religious issues behind them.'

- Choose any current conflict in which religion plays a key role.
- Explain the conflict and the role played by religion.
- Identify how media coverage contributes to the conflict.
- Identify ways in which religion can be part of the solution.

[50]**QUESTION 4**

Hunger, the AIDS pandemic and corruption are three of the major challenges to South Africa today.

- Choose one of these social problems and analyse why it is a problem.
- Plan a strategy for working towards a solution in your local community or region.
- Explain the available religious resources.
- Explain the role of religion and its potential contribution as an important part of your strategy.

[50]**QUESTION 5**

'Orthodox and Reformed Judaism are not so much different forms of Judaism, as different responses to the world in which the Jewish people live.'

- Discuss this statement.
- Ensure you explain the main differences between these two branches of Judaism.
- Make sure you include their historical background and origins.

[50]**Total: 150 marks**