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Subject Title	Religious Studies
Paper Number	2
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **FOUR** questions in all, choosing **TWO** questions from each of the **TWO** Sections of your choice.

All questions carry equal marks. Marks allocated for parts of questions are indicated in brackets.

You are reminded of the necessity for good English and orderly presentation in your answers.

1. (a) Explain the meaning of the term 'Religion'.	(10 marks)
(b) Discuss the statement: 'Religion is a human invention'.	(10 marks)
2. (a) Describe the main features of the Jewish faith.	(10 marks)
(b) Explain the significance of the Passover festival.	(10 marks)
3. (a) What is a parable?	(2 marks)
(b) Give three (3) reasons why Jesus taught in parables.	(6 marks)
(c) How did Jesus explain the parable of the sower?	(3 marks)
(d) What are (2) reasons why you learn from the transfiguration of Jesus?	(4 marks)
4. (a) Describe Jesus' baptismal action when He entered the Jordan after His baptism.	(3 marks)
(b) Who agreed with Jesus on the question of the Kingdom?	(2 marks)
(c) Mention one (1) miracle Jesus performed during His baptism.	(2 marks)
(d) Write the first part of the Lord's Prayer.	(2 marks)
(e) State one (1) spiritual happening just before Jesus' death.	(2 marks)
(f) How were the three women who went to Jesus' tomb with spices on the day after His death?	(2 marks)

SECTION ONE

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: The Patriarchs (Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Samuel, Saul and David up to the birth of Solomon)

1.
 - (a) What did Abraham do to ensure that his servant got a wife for Isaac from among his people? (4 marks)
 - (b) Describe Jacob's dream at Bethel. (6 marks)
 - (c) How did Joseph reveal himself to his brothers? (7 marks)
 - (d) What **two (2)** lessons do you learn from the above story? (3 marks)

2.
 - (a) Give the names of the store cities the Israelites were forced to build. (2 marks)
 - (b) "Take this child away and nurse him for me and I will give you your wages". (Ex. 2: 9)
Who made this statement and to whom? (4 marks)
 - (c) What was the Lord's command to the Israelites on gathering Manna and the Sabbath? (8 marks)
 - (d) State the **first two (2)** and the **last two (2)** commandments. (6 marks)

3.
 - (a) What **two (2)** lessons do you learn from the birth of Samuel? (4 marks)
 - (b) Briefly explain how Samuel anointed David as king. (8 marks)
 - (c) What did Saul promise as reward to the man who will kill Goliath? (6 marks)
 - (d) Who reported the death of Saul to David? (2 marks)

SECTION TWO

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

4.
 - (a) Who were the following?
 - i. Pharisees (2 marks)
 - ii. Sadducees (2 marks)
 - iii. Teachers of the Law (Scribes) (2 marks)
 - (b) Describe Mary's visit to Elizabeth. (8 marks)
 - (c) Explain the naming ceremony of John the Baptist. (6 marks)

5.
 - (a) What is a parable? (2 marks)
 - (b) State **three (3)** reasons why Jesus taught in parables (6 marks)
 - (c) How did Jesus explain the parable of the sower? (8 marks)
 - (d) What **two (2)** lessons have you learnt from the transfiguration of Jesus? (4 marks)

6.
 - (a) Describe Jesus' immediate action when He entered the Temple after His Triumphal entry. (3 marks)
 - (b) Who argued with Jesus on the question of the Resurrection? (2 marks)
 - (c) Mention **one (1)** miracle Jesus performed during His arrest. (2 marks)
 - (d) Describe the first trial before Pilate. (6 marks)
 - (e) State **two (2)** unusual happenings just before Jesus' death. (4 marks)
 - (f) Who were the three women who went to anoint Jesus' body with spices on the resurrection morning? (3 marks)

SECTION THREE

THE HOLY QUR'AN

7.

- (a) Describe **four (4)** activities of pilgrims in Mina on the day of Eid-ul-Adha (feast of sacrifice) (8 marks)
- (b) How did Musa (a.s.) receive the second sign from Allah (SWT)? (6 marks)
- (c) i. What did the Angels say to Allah (SWT) when He said He was going to place generations after generations on earth? (4 marks)
- ii. What did Allah (SWT) ask Adam to inform the Angels of? (2 marks)

8.

- (a) Name the five Holy Scriptures Allah (SWT) revealed to His messengers. (5 marks)
- (b) Name any five categories of people to whom Zakat is paid. (5 marks)
- (c) "I am not one of those who read"/ "I cannot read" (HQ 96:1)
- i. Who is the speaker and to whom was he talking? (2 marks)
- ii. Where were they and how old was the speaker at the time? (2 marks)
- iii. State **one (1)** significance of the meeting in (ii) above. (1 mark)
- (d) Give five (5) reasons why Tayammum (Dry Ablution) could be performed. (5 marks)

9.

- (a) i. Describe what happened when the children of Israel said they will never belief in Allah (SWT) until they see Him, plainly. (8 marks)
- ii. What two(2) lessons can we learn from the incident in (i) above? (4 marks)
- (b) List the types of dead animals prohibited by Allah (SWT) in the (H.Q.) (5 marks)
- (c) What description was given to the children of Israel when they transgressed in the matter of the Sabbath? (3 marks)

SECTION FOUR

ISLAMIC HISTORY AND THE HADITHS

10. (a) How old was Muhammad when his mother died and who took care of him? (2 marks)
 (b) i. Name the six(6) compilers of the authentic Hadiths (6 marks)
 ii. State **four (4)** importance of the Hadiths. (4 marks)
 (c) Describe **four (4)** ways idols were worshipped during the period of Jahiliyya. (8 marks)
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11. (a) i. What were the reactions of the unbelievers of Mecca in front of the cave of At Thaur? (6 marks)
 ii. What **two (2)** lessons can we learn from the above incident? (2 marks)
 (b) Name the **six (6)** major battles between the Muslims and the unbelievers of Mecca. (6 marks)
 (c) Narrate what Isa (a.s.) said to his mother's people while still in the cradle. (6 marks)
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12. (a) Where and on what date did Muhammad (sas) address the crowd during his farewell Hajj (pilgrimage)? (2 marks)
 (b) Name any **four (4)** female early converts tortured by unbelievers of Mecca. (4 marks)
 (c) "...had he not been of them who glorify Allah, he would have indeed remained in its belly (the fish) till the Day of Resurrection..." (HQ 37:143-144)
 i. Name the prophet referred to in the quotation above. (1 mark)
 ii. Narrate how this Prophet was freed from the fish's belly? (5 marks)
 iii. How did this event influence the belief in Allah among the people of the Prophet? (2 marks)
 iv. What **two (2)** lessons can we learn from the story of this Prophet? (4 marks)
 (d) Name the two (2) main sects that emerged after the death of Muhammad (SAS). (2 marks)
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