

ST EDWARD'S OXFORD



13+ SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

For entry in
September 2018

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Time: 1 hour

Candidates Name:

- Answer three questions:
 - Two from Part A
 - One from Part B
- You are advised to spend:
 - 30 minutes on Part A
 - 30 minutes on Part B.

Your presentation and use of language are both important.

Part A

- Answer **two** questions from Part A (a question is comprised of parts (a) and (b)).
- Spend 30 minutes on Part A.

Section 1 (Old Testament)

Question 1

- a. Explain the significance of Genesis 1-3 for Christians. [8]
- b. 'Christians do not need to believe Genesis is literally true.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Question 2

- a. Explain the importance of Solomon in Christianity. [8]
- b. 'Wisdom is the greatest human quality.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Section 2 (New Testament)

Question 3

- a. Describe the events surrounding the birth of Jesus, and explain their significance for Christians. [8]
- b. 'Christmas is more important than Easter for Christians.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Question 4

- a. Describe one of Jesus' parables and explain what it shows about Jesus. [8]
- b. 'Parables have no value.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

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Section 3 (Living Faiths)

Question 5

- a. Explain what Hindus or Buddhists believe about the purpose of life. [8]
- b. 'This is the only life we have, so we should enjoy it.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Question 6

- a. Outline Muslim teachings on the afterlife. [8]
- b. 'Belief in the afterlife gives a Muslim's life purpose.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Part B

- Answer one question from Part B.
- Your answer should be an extended essay.
- You should spend 30 minutes on Part B.
- You should plan your essay before starting to write it.

Question 7

'Science helps us understand what the Bible is really telling us.' Discuss [30]

Question 8

'Religious Education should be about more than simply Bible study.' Discuss [30]

Question 9

'Religions have more in common than differences.' Discuss [30]

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