

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Time Allowed – 1.5 hours

Candidates should answer TWO questions.

The use of a Bible or any other scriptural texts is not permitted in the course of the examination.

1. 'Sacred writings are the most important form of religious authority for religious believers'. Evaluate this assertion in the light of your study of any one or more religion.
2. Examine specific religious teachings about the nature of life after death. Illustrate your answer with examples from the religion/religions you have studied.
3. Explain the importance of a belief in **one** God in **one** of the following religions: Judaism, Christianity, or Islam.
4. 'There is no conflict between religion and science, and an understanding of the one enriches our understanding of the richness of the other'. To what extent is this statement true?
5. Discuss to what extent it is credible for religious believers to adopt one ethical theory in order to be able to assess every moral situation.
6. Explain the importance of meditation in religion.
7. Explain what Jews believe about their role as the chosen people of God.
8. 'Martin Luther's impact as a biblical interpreter and religious reformer in reshaping church and society is almost unparalleled in Christian history'. Assess the truth of this claim.
9. Examine the role and importance of the family in either Judaism or Islam.
10. Discuss the view that it would make no difference to Buddhism if the Buddha had never lived.

11. 'A religious experience is not a reliable way to understand the nature of God/Ultimate Reality.'
Evaluate this statement.
12. Examine the role and importance of religious rites and pilgrimages in the religion/religions you have studied.
13. What are the distinctive features of the various kinds of Buddhism practised today?
14. Is it essential for Christians to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?
15. Assess the contribution of any **two** Hindu thinkers/teachers to our understanding of that religion.