GCSE

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WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2025 – AFTERNOON

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – Unit 2

PART A – Core Beliefs, Teachings and Practices

Christianity
Islam

PART B – Religious Responses to Ethical Themes

Theme 1: Relationships
Theme 2: Human Rights

2 hours plus your additional time allowance

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	Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
PART A	1	30	
	SPaG	6	
PART B	2	30	
	3	30	
	4	30	
	Total	126	

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on page 2.

Answer ALL questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. If you run out of space, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet taking care to number the question(s) correctly.

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INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

Your ability to spell, punctuate and use accurate grammar is assessed in question 1(d).

You are expected to use specialist terminology accurately and make reference to sources of religious wisdom and authority (including religious texts), where relevant.

Answer **ALL** questions.

PART A – CORE BELIEFS, TEACHINGS AND PRACTICES

CHRISTIANITY

1 (a) What do Christians mean by 'revelation'? [2 marks]

1(b) Describe Christian beliefs about Heaven. [5 marks]

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1 (c) Explain why pilgrimage is important to Christians. [8 marks]

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1 (d) ‘The Bible is the only source of authority for Christians.’

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

Marks for spelling, punctuation and the accurate use of grammar are allocated to this question. [6 marks]

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PART A – CORE BELIEFS, TEACHINGS AND PRACTICES

ISLAM

2 (a) What do Muslims mean by 'Muhammad'? [2 marks]

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2 (b) Describe the conditions for Lesser Jihad in Islam. [5 marks]

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2 (c) Explain the importance of the features of a mosque. [8 marks]

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2 (d) 'Belief in the afterlife is the most important belief in Islam.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

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PART B – RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO ETHICAL THEMES

THEME 1: RELATIONSHIPS

3 (a) What is meant by 'cohabitation'?

[2 marks]

3 (b) Describe Christian OR Muslim attitudes towards adultery.

[5 marks]

(Turn over)

3 (c) Explain Christian AND Muslim beliefs about marriage. [8 marks]

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3 (d) 'Religious believers should support same sex relationships.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

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PART B – RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO ETHICAL THEMES

THEME 2: HUMAN RIGHTS

4 (a) What is meant by 'human rights'?

[2 marks]

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4 (b) Describe Christian OR Muslim beliefs about discrimination. [5 marks]

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4 (c) Explain Christian AND Muslim beliefs about how wealth should be used.

[8 marks]

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4 (d) 'All religious believers have a responsibility to work for equality.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

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