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RELIGION STUDIES P2

MARKS: 150

TIME: 2 hours



This question paper consists of 4 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of FIVE questions.
2. Answer only THREE questions of your choice.
3. Read ALL the questions carefully before selecting THREE questions.
4. When you answer the questions use the numbering system that is used in this paper.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

QUESTION 1

- 1.1 With reference to ONE selected religion, explain the following concepts:
- 1.1.1 Contemporary inspiration (20)
 - 1.1.2 Sacred book (20)
- 1.2 Explain the hermeneutical principles of interpreting the normative sources in any ONE religion. (10)
- [50]**

QUESTION 2

Discuss the central teachings of any ONE religion under the following headings:

- 2.1 Nature of divinity (10)
 - 2.2 Nature of the world (10)
 - 2.3 Place and responsibility of humanity in the world (10)
 - 2.4 Origin of evil (10)
 - 2.5 Life after death (10)
- [50]**

QUESTION 3

Read the following quotation and answer the questions that follow.

“The 19th century theory of biological evolution, a scientific theory, posed a potential threat to the Christian understanding of the creation of humans. Christians believe that humans are created in the image of God.”

[Adapted from: *Shuter Religion Studies Grade 12*, Hofmeyr et al, Page 69]

- 3.1 Discuss the relationship between religion and science. (10)
 - 3.2 Explain the impact that Darwin’s theory of evolution had on creation, according to Christian belief. (20)
 - 3.3 Compare the teaching of ONE religion about divinity and the creation of the universe, with the Big Bang theory. (20)
- [50]**

QUESTION 4

Select and discuss any SOCIAL PROBLEM prevalent in your community under the following sub-headings:

- 4.1 A brief, relevant introduction (6)
 - 4.2 The causes of the social problem (6)
 - 4.3 Factors contributing to how it spreads (10)
 - 4.4 Refer to the teachings of at least TWO religions to illustrate solutions to the social problem selected or identified. (10)
 - 4.5 Practical steps or strategies to address it. (18)
- [50]**

QUESTION 5

Read the information below and answer the questions that follow.

The first World Parliament of Religions was held in Chicago in 1893. A second, and much larger, parliament was held in 1993, also in Chicago. The last such parliament of the world's religions was held in 2004 in Barcelona, Spain. Each parliament was bigger than the previous one. This points to the growing of interreligious dialogue.

- 5.1 Identify and discuss TWO themes which you consider to be important topics for a world parliament of religions. Give reasons for your choices. (20)
 - 5.2 Discuss TWO possible outcomes (or results) that you would expect from such a conference. (12)
 - 5.3 Describe the religious composition within your community and explain the need for interreligious dialogue. (8)
 - 5.4 Since 1994, South Africa has had no serious incidents of religious conflicts. What steps has the South African government taken to ensure peaceful co-existence among the various religions in the country? (10)
- [50]**

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