

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS  
GCSE (9–1)  
J125/01**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES  
(SHORT COURSE)**

**Religion, philosophy and ethics  
in the modern world**

**MONDAY 14 MAY 2018: Afternoon**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2 hours**

**plus your additional time allowance**

**MODIFIED ENLARGED 24pt**

**YOU MUST HAVE:**

**the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet  
(OCR12 sent with general stationery)**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**



## **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Answer FOUR questions.**

**You must answer TWO questions from Section A, ONE from Section B and ONE from Section C.**

**Use black ink.**

## **INFORMATION**

**The total mark for this paper is 126.**

**The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].**

**Spelling, punctuation and grammar and the use of specialist terminology (SPaG) will be assessed in questions marked with a pencil (✎). 6 marks can be awarded for SPaG.**

**Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).**

## **SECTION A – Beliefs and teachings**

**Select TWO religions from this section. Answer all parts (a–e) of BOTH of your chosen religions.**

### **1 Christianity**

- (a) State THREE titles used to describe Jesus. [3]**
  
- (b) Outline what Christians mean by the term ‘sin’. [3]**
  
- (c) Describe ONE Christian belief about the Second Coming of Christ (Parousia). [3]**
  
- (d) Explain what Christians can learn about God from the Genesis narrative. [6]**
  
- (e) ‘The best way to live is to follow the example of Jesus.’**

**Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:**

**Analyse and evaluate the importance of points of view, referring to common and divergent views within Christianity**

**Refer to sources of wisdom and authority.**

 **Spelling, punctuation and grammar**

**[15]**

**[3]**

## **2 Islam**

- (a) Give THREE of the 99 names of Allah. [3]**
  
- (b) Outline what Muslims mean by the term ‘angels’. [3]**
  
- (c) Describe ONE Muslim belief about predestination (al-Qad’r). [3]**
  
- (d) Explain why Muslims believe the Qur’an is the final message from Allah. [6]**
  
- (e) ‘The best way to live is to follow the example of the prophets.’**

**Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:**

**Analyse and evaluate the importance of points of view, referring to common and divergent views within Islam**

**Refer to sources of wisdom and authority.**

**[15]**

** Spelling, punctuation and grammar**

**[3]**

### **3 Judaism**

- (a) State THREE characteristics of the Messiah. [3]**
- (b) Outline what Jews mean by the term ‘shekinah’. [3]**
- (c) Describe ONE Jewish belief about the Promised Land. [3]**
- (d) Explain why Jews believe G-d will judge them at the end of the world. [6]**
- (e) ‘The best way to live is to obey the Mitzvot.’**

**Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:**

**Analyse and evaluate the importance of points of view, referring to common and divergent views within Judaism**

**Refer to sources of wisdom and authority.**

**[15]**

** Spelling, punctuation and grammar**

**[3]**

**THIS IS THE END OF SECTION A**

## **SECTION B – Relationships and families**

**Select ONE of the religions that you answered in Section A.  
Answer ALL parts (a–d) of the question on your chosen religion.**

### **4 Christianity**

**(a) Outline ONE Christian view about pre-marital sex. [3]**

**(b) Describe the role of women in Christian families. [6]**

**(c) Explain how Christian teachings influence views about equality. [6]**

**(d)\*‘Religion should not divide families.’**

**Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:**

**Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs and teachings within Christianity**

**Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Christianity. [15]**

## **5 Islam**

**(a) Outline ONE Muslim view about pre-marital sex. [3]**

**(b) Describe the role of women in Muslim families. [6]**

**(c) Explain how Islamic teachings influence views about equality. [6]**

**(d)\*‘Religion should not divide families.’**

**Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:**

**Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs and teachings within Islam**

**Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Islam. [15]**

## **6 Judaism**

**(a) Outline ONE Jewish view about pre-marital sex. [3]**

**(b) Describe the role of women in Jewish families. [6]**

**(c) Explain how Jewish teachings influence views about equality. [6]**

**(d)\*‘Religion should not divide families.’**

**Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:**

**Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs and teachings within Judaism**

**Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Judaism. [15]**

**THIS IS THE END OF SECTION B**

## **SECTION C – Dialogue between religious and non-religious beliefs and attitudes**

**Select THE SAME religion that you answered in Section B. Answer ALL parts (a–d) of the question on your chosen religion.**

### **7 Christianity**

**(a) Name THREE public holidays based on Christian celebrations. [3]**

**(b) Describe Christian attitudes towards scientific methods used in Britain to create life.**

**In your response you must consider the fact that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse, but mainly Christian. [6]**

**(c) Explain why Christians have different attitudes towards other religions.**

**You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]**

**(d)\*‘Schools should be secular communities.’**

**Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:**

**Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs and teachings within Christianity**

**Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Christianity. [15]**

## **8 Islam**

**(a) Name THREE public holidays based on Christian celebrations. [3]**

**(b) Describe Muslim attitudes towards scientific methods used in Britain to create life.**

**In your response you must consider the fact that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse, but mainly Christian. [6]**

**(c) Explain why Muslims have different attitudes towards other religions.**

**You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]**

**(d)\*‘Schools should be secular communities.’**

**Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:**

**Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs and teachings within Islam**

**Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Islam. [15]**

## **9 Judaism**

**(a) Name THREE public holidays based on Christian celebrations. [3]**

**(b) Describe Jewish attitudes towards scientific methods used in Britain to create life.**

**In your response you must consider the fact that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse, but mainly Christian. [6]**

**(c) Explain why Jews have different attitudes towards other religions.**

**You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]**

**(d)\*‘Schools should be secular communities.’**

**Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:**

**Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs and teachings within Judaism**

**Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Judaism. [15]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**



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