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**MARKS: 150**

**TIME: 2 hours**

**This question paper consists of 9 pages.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of SECTION A and SECTION B.
2. SECTION A: COMPULSORY  
SECTION B: Answer any TWO questions in this section.
3. Read ALL the questions carefully.
4. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

**SECTION A (COMPULSORY)****QUESTION 1**

- 1.1 Various options are provided as possible answers to the following questions. Choose the answer and write only the letter (A–D) next to the question number (1.1.1–1.1.10) in the ANSWER BOOK, for example 1.1.11 D.
- 1.1.1 The Middle Eastern family of religions consists of ...
- A Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism and Sikhism.
  - B Taoism, Confucianism, Shintoism and the Baha'i faith.
  - C Judaism, Christianity, Islam and the Baha'i faith.
  - D San Religion, Yoruba, amaZulu and Aka.
- 1.1.2 Which ONE of the following is an explanation of polytheism?
- A A doctrine that recognises two independent principles
  - B The belief that God is everything and everything is God
  - C Belief in or worship of more than one god
  - D Belief in the existence of gods or a god
- 1.1.3 Martin Luther was a German priest whose teachings helped to inspire the formation of the ...
- A Roman Catholic Church.
  - B Protestant Reformist Church.
  - C Eastern Orthodox Church.
  - D African Independent Church.
- 1.1.4 Atonement is ...
- A to confess and rectify crimes committed.
  - B a teaching with absolute authority.
  - C compulsory teachings in the Qur'an.
  - D a discussion of spiritual truths by means of a story.
- 1.1.5 (A) Shaman is ...
- A the highest caste in traditional Hinduism.
  - B someone who acts as a medium between the visible and the spiritual world.
  - C a ruler, such as a king or queen.
  - D the title of Roman emperors.

- 1.1.6 Conservative Judaism ...
- A believes that God gave the Jews the whole Torah.
  - B accepts that the Torah was written by human beings over time.
  - C tries to avoid the influence of modern life.
  - D believes that the Torah was given by God through ideas that humans mediated.
- 1.1.7 Which ONE of the following is NOT true concerning the Baha'i faith?
- A The oneness of God
  - B The oneness of humankind
  - C Rebirth into a better life
  - D The unity of all religions
- 1.1.8 Which ONE of the following is the Taoist view of humanity in the world?
- A The world has been put at the disposal of humanity.
  - B Humans are not special or in charge of the world.
  - C We should take care not to destroy the world as it is now.
  - D People have free will and are constantly caught between doing good and doing evil.
- 1.1.9 The Pali Canon refers to the sacred literature of ...
- A Judaism.
  - B the Baha'i faith.
  - C Buddhism.
  - D the Latter-day Saints.
- 1.1.10 The primary source of the Shariah is the ...
- A Talmud.
  - B Samhita.
  - C Qur'an.
  - D minds and actions of people. (10 x 1) (10)
- 1.2 Answer the following questions.
- 1.2.1 State TWO differences between *karma* and *Nirvana*. (2 x 2) (4)
- 1.2.2 Give ONE term that describes the religions that believe in one God. (1)
- 1.2.3 Explain the term *syncretism* and give ONE example. (2 x 1) (2)
- 1.2.4 State TWO unique features of Zen Buddhism. (2 x 1) (2)
- 1.2.5 What is the Bhagavad Gita? (1)

- 1.3 Indicate whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Choose the answer and write 'true' or 'false' next to the question number (1.3.1–1.3.5) in the ANSWER BOOK. Give a reason if the answer is FALSE.
- 1.3.1 'Paternal' means being related on the mother's side of the family.
- 1.3.2 A New Testament is a verse, syllable or phrase believed to be of divine origin and that is used in rituals or meditation in different religions.
- 1.3.3 The epics, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata are the most popular texts in the religious literature of Hinduism.
- 1.3.4 The ideal in Theravada Buddhism is for the individual to live a life of meditation in order to become reincarnated.
- 1.3.5 Convictions refer to the beliefs that provide a central frame of reference for a religion. (5 x 2) (10)
- 1.4 Complete the following sentences by filling in the missing word. Write only the word next to the question number (1.4.1–1.4.5) in the ANSWER BOOK.
- 1.4.1 A ... is a clan or family member who has died and is believed to now be a family protector.
- 1.4.2 The political authority of the Roman Catholic Church is in ...
- 1.4.3 The differences between the two main groups within Islam are mainly based on disagreements about ...
- 1.4.4 ... is the oldest Eastern religion that does not have a founder and has no unifying belief in teaching.
- 1.4.5 According to Taoists, everything in creation consists of two forces, called ... and ... (5 x 1) (5)

1.5 Choose a description from COLUMN B that matches the term in COLUMN A. Write only the letter (A–G) next to the question number (1.5.1–1.5.5) in the ANSWER BOOK.

COLUMN A		COLUMN B	
1.5.1	Ancestors	A	strict adherence to conservative and traditional religious beliefs
1.5.2	Venerate	B	people who lived in earlier times
1.5.3	Fundamentalism	C	the doctrine that one ultimate principle or being exists
1.5.4	Pluralism	D	regarded with and considered worthy of deep respect
1.5.5	Communion	E	all religions are paths towards the truth and they are all equally true
		F	describes beliefs that are against orthodox religious teaching and belief
		G	a feeling of being connected to the divine

(5 x 1) (5)

1.6 Choose the word in each list below that does NOT fit. Write the word and a reason next to the question number (1.6.1–1.6.5) in the ANSWER BOOK.

1.6.1 Catholicism; Eastern Orthodox; Judaism; Protestantism

1.6.2 Buddhism; Hinduism; Confucianism; Taoism; the Baha'i faith

1.6.3 Saivism; Shaktism; Sufism; Vaishnavism; Smartas

1.6.4 Nevi'im; Ketuvim; Kitab-i-Aqdas; Talmud; Torah

1.6.5 Tripitaka; Bible; Qur'an; Mitzvot; Vedas (5 x 2) (10)

**TOTAL SECTION A: 50**

**SECTION B**

Answer any TWO of the three questions in this section.

**QUESTION 2**

2.1 Explain the following concepts with reference to religion:

- 2.1.1 Myths (4)
- 2.1.2 Beliefs (4)
- 2.1.3 Dogma (4)
- 2.1.4 Ancestors (4)
- 2.1.5 Reincarnation (4)

2.2 Read the extract below and answer the question that follows.

Unity is an interesting concept when applied to religion. Many religions are not totally uniform or united. For example, there are often calls for Christians to unite for some social cause, or for there to be greater Islamic unity in, for example, Iraq. In addition, many religions believe that a sense of unity with the Supreme Being is an important part of their religious experience.

[Adapted from *Shuters Top Class Religion Studies Grade 12*]

Select ONE religion and state any FIVE teachings of the religion that promote unity. (10)

2.3 Islam, Judaism and Christianity are often referred to as Abrahamic faiths. They are grouped together because they have various unique features in common.

State FIVE features that are unique to the Abrahamic faiths. (10)

2.4 State FIVE teachings in any ONE of the religions that you have studied, that promote religious freedom. (10)

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**QUESTION 3**

Study the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

**FILM AND PUBLICATION BOARD (FPB) WANTS  
CLIP REMOVED FROM YOUTUBE**

The controversial pastor who offers his congregants petrol to drink is in trouble with the authorities. The FPB wants Pretoria-based Lesego Daniel Mosue, of Rabboni Ministries, to remove a video of congregants guzzling petrol from YouTube. The video depicts congregants sipping petrol and saying that it tastes like pineapple juice.

The FPB said the video has to be taken off the Internet as it is unclassified and contains harmful acts that can be imitated. 'It is not suitable for children under the age of 13.'

[Adapted from *The Sowetan*, 6 October 2014]

- 3.1 Why do you think Rabboni Ministries uploaded the video on YouTube? (6)
- 3.2 Do you agree that the video should be removed from YouTube? Give reasons for your answer. (6)
- 3.3 Explain how fairness can be maintained in media coverage of religion. (12)
- 3.4 Name FIVE factors that could influence media reports on religious issues. (10)
- 3.5 Briefly explain the term *freedom of religion*. (6)
- 3.6 Explain how religious tolerance can be promoted in any ONE religion. (10)

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**QUESTION 4**

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Conflict is a reality of life. Religion has sometimes been a part of the problem, but the true intention of religion has always been to prevent conflict.

Over time, religions have developed many mechanisms to contribute to peace and prevent conflict.

[Adapted from *Religion Studies Grade 12*]

- 4.1 Discuss the teachings of any religion/religions that you have studied that promotes peace. (16)
- 4.2 A religious war may be justified under certain conditions. Discuss THREE such conditions. (12)
- 4.3 Identify ONE area of conflict where religion is possibly part of the problem and answer the following questions:
- 4.3.1 Name the area of conflict (2)
- 4.3.2 Name the parties involved in the conflict. (4)
- 4.3.3 Give the main reasons for the conflict. (16)

**TOTAL SECTION B: 100**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 150**