



# basic education

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**MARKS: 150**

**TIME: 2 hours**

**This question paper consists of 5 pages.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of FIVE questions.
2. Answer any THREE questions.
3. Start EACH question on a NEW page.
4. Read ALL the questions carefully.
5. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
6. The length of your answers must be in accordance with the marks allocated to each question.
7. Write neatly and legibly.

**QUESTION 1**

1.1 Read the statement below and answer the questions that follow.

There are many religions in the world, each with its own identity. However, within any one religion, there are bound to be some differences. Sometimes these differences are minor, and at other times they spill over into open warfare.

- 1.1.1 Name the major sects or branches of any ONE religion. (6)
- 1.1.2 Compare the religious BELIEFS of the various branches of the religion you have selected. (14)
- 1.1.3 Elaborate on the different ways in which religions deal with their internal differences. Give examples to illustrate your answer. (14)
- 1.2 In terms of CENTRAL TEACHINGS of any ONE religion, discuss the place and responsibility of humanity in the world. (16)  
**[50]**

**QUESTION 2**

- 2.1 Discuss the relationship between *oral tradition* and *sacred text*. Use examples from AT LEAST TWO religions to illustrate your answer. (20)
- 2.2 Read the statement below and answer the questions that follow.

In 1859 Charles Darwin published a book titled, *On the Origin of Species*. In this book he argued that all living things change over time, to adapt to changing environments.

- 2.2.1 Explain why certain religions objected strongly to Darwin's teachings. (16)
- 2.2.2 Explain the reasons for the popularity of Darwin's theory in modern day society. (14)  
**[50]**

**QUESTION 3**

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

Of course, not all religious conflicts are wars: sometimes the conflict is only verbal, and does not involve any violence. Sometimes conflicts simmer for many years. And at other times conflict spills over into open war.

[Source: Adapted from *Religion Studies*, Steyn et al. p. 229]

3.1 Select a recent armed conflict in any ONE of the following geographical regions (A–C), and answer the questions that follow.

- A Europe
- B Middle East
- C Asia

3.1.1 State the region selected (A, B or C). Then name the country and warring groups. (6)

3.1.2 Explain the causes of the conflict (include both religious and other causes). (20)

3.1.3 What is the present situation in the conflict area? (8)

3.2 Religious conflicts throughout the world are decreasing.

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. Use TWO examples to illustrate your answer. (16)  
**[50]**

**QUESTION 4**

4.1 What do you understand by the term *world view*? (4)

4.2 Name ANY TWO secular world views and explain the beliefs of each. (10 x 2) (20)

4.3 What is the impact of secularism on society? (14)

4.4 List and explain any THREE hermeneutical principles. (12)  
**[50]**

**QUESTION 5**

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

**BEACH BULLIES RANT\* ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Social media is a convenient platform on which people can display their discriminatory attitudes. Holidays are exceptionally vocal times for racists on Facebook and Twitter who cannot stand the sight of black people enjoying some sand and surf.

South Africa's Constitution provides everyone with great freedom of expression, but when remarks are inflammatory and filled with hate, or call for violence, it simply cannot be tolerated.

\*Rant: to complain angrily.

[Source: Adapted from [News24.com](http://News24.com). Accessed on 10 January 2017.]

- 5.1 Explain the concept *discrimination* and use THREE examples to illustrate your answer. (12)
- 5.2 Analyse the impact of discrimination on society. (10)
- 5.3 With reference to any ONE religion, discuss the teachings that specifically address the problem of discrimination. (18)
- 5.4 What practical strategies can religious organisations implement to combat discrimination in our society? (10)

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**TOTAL: 150**