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## **NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

**GRADE 12**

**RELIGION STUDIES P2**

**NOVEMBER 2018**

**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 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 extract below and answer the questions that follow.

**EUTHANASIA**

Euthanasia is normally thought of as providing a gentle and easy death to someone suffering from a painful, terminal disease, which results in a poor quality of life. Euthanasia can be done by assisted suicide, voluntary euthanasia or non-voluntary euthanasia.

[Source: *Religion and Life* by V Watton]

- 1.1.1 Briefly explain TWO forms of euthanasia. (4)
- 1.1.2 List THREE advantages and THREE disadvantages of euthanasia. (12)
- 1.1.3 With reference to the relevant teachings of any ONE religion you have studied, discuss its response to euthanasia. (10)
- 1.2 Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Not only are religions different from each other, but there are also internal differences within religions themselves.

[Source: *Focus on Religion Studies, Grade 12*]

Name any TWO branches that exist within ONE religion and discuss their differences in terms of:

- 1.2.1 Teachings (12)
- 1.2.2 Practices (12)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 2**

- 2.1 Discuss the central teachings of any ONE religion under the following headings:
- 2.1.1 The nature of the world (10)
- 2.1.2 Reward and punishment (10)
- 2.2 Compare the role of sacred texts in Abrahamic and non-Abrahamic religions. (14)
- 2.3 Name and discuss any FOUR hermeneutical principles. (16)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 What is the role of inspiration in the African Traditional Religion? (10)
- 3.2 Name and discuss the teachings of any ONE secular worldview. (14)
- 3.3 What influence did secularism have on the current South African Constitution? (10)
- 3.4 Do you think secularism has a negative impact on the moral values of society? Give reasons for your answer. (16)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 4**

Read the statement below and answer the questions that follow.

I don't see why my religion and science can't work together positively.

- 4.1 Compare the scientific and the religious accounts of how the universe came into being. (10)
- 4.2 Discuss the scientific explanation of how human beings came into existence. (14)
- 4.3 Discuss the different responses of the following religions to Darwin's theory evolution:
- 4.3.1 Hinduism (12)
- 4.3.2 Christianity (14)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 5**

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

In many countries around the world today we find people living together who have different beliefs and practices. This can sometimes cause conflict between religious communities, especially if one of them has more power or authority in a society.

[Source: *Focus on Religion Studies, Grade 12*]

- 5.1 Identify ONE area of possible religious conflict anywhere in the world. (2)
- 5.2 Briefly discuss the causes of conflict in the area you identified in QUESTION 5.1. (12)
- 5.3 Does religion play a major role in the conflict? Give reasons for your answer. (10)
- 5.4 Describe the current situation in this conflict. (10)
- 5.5 What practical steps can religious organisations follow to resolve this conflict? (16)
- [50]**

**TOTAL: 150**