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GRADE 12

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RELIGION STUDIES P2

MARKS: 150

TIME: 2 hours

This question paper consists of 6 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. Read the following instructions carefully before answering the questions.
2. This question paper consists of FOUR questions.
3. Answer any THREE of the FOUR questions.
4. Start each question on a NEW page.
5. Read ALL the questions carefully before answering them.
6. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
7. The length of your answers must correspond with the marks allocated for each question.
8. Write legibly and present your work neatly.

QUESTION 1

Read the extracts below and answer the questions that follow.

All religions have a set of teachings about the nature of humanity, the world, the divine, the creation and parts of our lives.

[Source: *Shuters Top Class Religion Studies Grade 12*]

1.1 In the context of any ONE religion, answer the following questions with reference to the central teachings under the following headings:

1.1.1 The nature of humanity, with reference to community and individual (10)

1.1.2 The nature of life after death (10)

1.1.3 The nature of divinity (10)

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Within most religions, interpretation of beliefs may differ from one school of thought to another. A school of thought is a strand or branch.

[Source: *Shuters Top Class Religion Studies Grade 12*]

1.2 With reference to ONE religion, answer the following questions.

1.2.1 State the difference in teachings (10)

1.2.2 State the difference in governance (10)

[50]

QUESTION 3

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Secularism in personal life is similar to secularism in the state. It involves a good commitment to an ethic based on reason about human nature without reference to god(s).

[Source: *Shuters Top Class Religion Studies Grade 12*, page 138]

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| 3.1 | 3.1.1 | Discuss any TWO secular worldviews. | (10 x 2) | (20) |
| | 3.1.2 | Explain the concept <i>secularism</i> . | | (10) |
| 3.2 | In the context of religion, discuss and evaluate the role of the following: | | | |
| | 3.2.1 | Oral tradition | | (10) |
| | 3.2.2 | Inspiration | | (10) |
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QUESTION 4

4.1 Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Whether personal or political, Western secularism has to do with adopting a foundation for life and law which excludes conventional religion. In the West, it tends to go with democratic forms of government, freedom of religion within the bounds of secular law of the land, support for human rights and no discrimination on the grounds of religious convictions.

[Source: *Shuters Top Class Religion Studies Grade 12*, page 138]

- 4.1.1 Briefly explain Darwin's theory of evolution. (14)
- 4.1.2 Analyse and explain the response of the TWO religions' version of the theory of evolution:
- (a) Christianity (12)
- (b) Hinduism (12)
- 4.1.3 Discuss the *Big Bang Theory*. (12)

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TOTAL: 150