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RELIGION STUDIES P2

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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. Read ALL the questions carefully.
4. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
5. The length of your answers must correspond to the marks allocated to each question.
6. Write neatly and legibly.

QUESTION 1

Read the extract 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 other 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.
- 1.1.1 What is the role of divinity in creation? (10)
- 1.1.2 Discuss the concept of *reward and punishment*. (10)
- 1.1.3 Discuss the concept of *life after death* as a part of human existence. (10)
- 1.2 In every religion there are practical guidelines that a believer should follow in life.
- Choose TWO practical guidelines from any ONE religion and analyse each of them. (20)
- [50]**

QUESTION 2

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

While every religion has 'non-negotiable' beliefs, there are bound to be differences of interpretation and practice.

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

- 2.1 Choose any ONE religion and discuss the internal differences that exist under the following headings:
- 2.1.1 Differences in governance (20)
- 2.1.2 Differences in beliefs (teachings) (10)
- 2.2 Read the statement below and answer the questions that follow.
- The traditional family is the building block of society. The disintegration of families results in numerous social challenges.
- 2.2.1 Identify FIVE challenges facing family structures. (10)
- 2.2.2 With reference to the teachings of any ONE religion, suggest practical steps that should be taken to strengthen a family unit. (10)
- [50]**

QUESTION 3

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Through its teachings, every religion communicates to its followers why the world is the way it is, as well as their place and responsibility in it.

Teachings in sacred texts must be interpreted only according to clearly outlined principles.

Such teachings include, among others, doctrines, parables and myths.

[Source: *Focus on Religion Studies*]

- 3.1 In the context of religion, discuss and evaluate the role of the following:
- 3.1.1 Oral tradition (14)
 - 3.1.2 Sacred texts (14)
 - 3.1.3 Inspiration (12)
- 3.2 List FIVE hermeneutical principles. (10)
- [50]**

QUESTION 4

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Religions have always offered explanations regarding creation and the status of humankind. In the last four centuries, however, science has begun to offer different answers to these questions.

[Source: *Religion Studies*]

- 4.1 Give a brief explanation of the Big Bang theory. (20)
- 4.2 Discuss how the creation of the universe is explained by any TWO religions. (20)
- 4.3 Explain the views of Hinduism on the theory of evolution. (10)
- [50]**

QUESTION 5

- 5.1 Explain the concept of *secular humanism* in the context of Religion Studies. (10)
- 5.2 Discuss the reasons for the rise of Western secular humanism. (20)
- 5.3 Name any TWO secular world views and write down FOUR facts on each. (20)
- [50]**

TOTAL: 150