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RELIGION STUDIES P2

2021

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 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

Read the article below and answer the questions that follow.

GENDER DISCRIMINATION

At a recent press conference, Meokgo Matuba, the ANC Women's League's general secretary, said, 'According to a five-year report by the Hate Crimes Working Group, the most discriminated-against group in South Africa is the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and inter-sex (LGBTQI)+ community. 35% of hate crimes reported comes from LGBTQI+ people. This happens despite the protection of LGBTQI+ community rights being enshrined in section 9 of the Constitution, which forbids discrimination based on sex, gender or sexual orientation.'

[Adapted from the *Pretoria News*, 6 January 2020]

- 1.1 Briefly discuss the impact of discrimination on the LGBTQI+ community. (10)
- 1.2 Why do you think there is so much discrimination against the LGBTQI+ community? (14)
- 1.3 With reference to any ONE religion you have studied, discuss its teachings regarding any form of discrimination. (14)
- 1.4 Discuss practical strategies that the religious community can use to overcome the problem of gender discrimination. (12)
- [50]**

QUESTION 2

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Teachings are related to belief in the sense that followers will have faith in a particular religion because they have accepted a set of teachings that they feel is true.

[Source: *Focus on Religion Studies, Grade 12*, RD Donne et al.]

- 2.1 With reference to any ONE religion you have studied, answer the following:
- 2.1.1 Discuss the nature of the world. (10)
- 2.1.2 Discuss the nature of divinity. (10)
- 2.1.3 Write FIVE facts that explain what this religion teaches about life after death. (10)
- 2.2 In the context of religion, discuss the role of the following:
- 2.2.1 Oral tradition (10)
- 2.2.2 Contemporary inspiration (10)
- [50]**

QUESTION 3

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

No religion is a solid monolithic unity. They all have many internal differentiations and have had such differences since their inception.

[Source: *Religion Studies Grade 12*, Steyn et al.]

- 3.1 With reference to any ONE religion you have studied, answer the following:
- 3.1.1 Discuss the historical development of its branches. (12)
- 3.1.2 Tabulate the differences in belief of any TWO of its branches. (12)
- 3.2 Name and explain any THREE hermeneutical principles. (12)
- 3.3 Discuss the origin of sacred texts in any ONE religion. (14)
- [50]**

QUESTION 4

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

The difficulties between religion and science have emerged only in the last four centuries. From this time onwards the relationship between the two ways of looking at the world has become increasingly competitive, even conflicting.

[Source: *Religion Studies Grade 12*, Steyn et al.]

- 4.1.1 Explain why Buddhism has no problem with Darwin's theory of evolution. (14)
- 4.1.2 Discuss the response of any ONE Abrahamic religion to the Big Bang Theory. (14)
- 4.2 Name ONE secular worldview and explain its teachings. (12)
- 4.3 Discuss the reasons why secularism is gaining popularity in the world. (10)
- [50]**

QUESTION 5

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

RELIGION AND CONFLICT

Religions are supposed to represent our highest ideals and hopes. You would think, therefore, that religions would inspire us to seek peace and to live in harmony with others, but the opposite is real because there is evidence of religious conflict in many parts of the world.

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

- 5.1 Name ONE region, OUTSIDE of Africa, where different religions are possibly involved in an armed conflict. (2)
- 5.2 With reference to the region you have identified, answer the following:
- 5.2.1 Discuss in detail the history of this conflict. (16)
- 5.2.2 What has the rest of the world done to address this situation? (8)
- 5.2.3 Elaborate on the extent to which religion is involved. (14)
- 5.3 Write FIVE facts on any ONE INTRARELIGIOUS conflict (conflict within a religion). (10)
- [50]**
- TOTAL: 150**