RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Transfer Exam

Upper Remove
Specimen Paper

Time allowed: 1 hour
Total marks: 60

Answer:
ONE question from Section A
ONE question from Section B
ALL questions in Section C

You should spend 20 minutes on each question and answer all parts of the question a - d.

Format and marks of questions:
a) Fact (2)
b) Describe (6)
c) Explain (6)
d) Opinion (6)
Section A: Christianity

Answer one question from this section (there are 4 questions to choose from)

1. Temptations

a) What did Jesus say to the devil when he was tempted to turn the stone into bread? (2)

b) Describe ways in which people are tempted by the devil today. (6)

c) Explain how Jesus can be an example to Christians who are tempted to do wrong. (6)

d) ‘Jesus’ example is still relevant in the modern world.’ Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. (6)

2. Parables

a) What is a parable? (2)

b) Describe one of Jesus’ parables. (6)

c) Explain the meaning of the parable you have described (6)

d) ‘Parables are better ways of teaching than stating facts.’ Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. (6)

3. Miracles

a) Name a miracle that Jesus performed. (2)

b) Describe the significance or symbolism of one of Jesus’ miracles. (6)

c) Explain the difference between a miracle and a trick (6)

d) ‘Miracles break the laws of science, therefore they cannot happen.’ Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. (6)
4. Creation, Science and the Bible

a) According to Genesis what did God create on the last (sixth) day of creation? (2)

b) Describe one interpretation of the creation story in Genesis. (6)

c) Explain how someone could be a Christian and a scientist. (6)

d) ‘If God created the world, He would have made it perfect. But the world is not perfect.’ Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. (6)

Section B: Islam

Answer one question from this section (there are 3 questions to choose from).

1. Sources of Authority

a) What does the word “Qur’an” mean? (2)

b) Describe how Muslims should treat the Qur’an (6)

c) Explain the main beliefs Muslims have about the Qur’an and its origins (6)

d) “Sacred texts are out-of-date in the modern world” Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. (6)

2. Zakat

a) Does every Muslim have to pay Zakat? (2)

b) In what sort of situations might people receive Zakat? (6)

c) Explain why Muslims think that Zakat is important. (6)

d) ‘Charity is the most important religious duty.’ Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. (6)
3. Jihad

a.) What does the word Jihad mean? (2)

b.) Describe, with examples, the two different types of Jihad (6)

c.) Explain the different conditions of Jihad (6)

d.) “War can never be justified.” Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. (6)

Section C: Moral Philosophy

You must answer all these questions

a.) What is the difference between a moral and an immoral action? Give an example to support your answer. (2)

b.) Describe the different sources of authority a Christian might use in a moral dilemma. (6)

c.) Explain, using examples, the difference between relative and absolute ethics. (6)

d.) “Deep down everyone is selfish.” Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. (6)