



Sixth Form Entrance 2015

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

1 hour

Answer two questions chosen from different sections of the paper. The answers should be in essay form. Each essay will be marked out of 20.

The accuracy of your knowledge and the quality of your explanation and analysis will be assessed. You should include your own opinions where relevant, but you must make sure that your opinion is adequately supported with reasons and evidence.

Please use the writing paper provided and write your name and present school clearly on all sheets of paper used.

Section A: Philosophy of Religion

1. **'There is no place for religion in the modern world.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should refer to at least one religious tradition.
2. **'The ontological argument demonstrates that a perfect being must exist.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should refer to at least one religious tradition.
3. **'The idea that there could be a perfect being that could do anything at all does not make sense.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should refer to at least one religious tradition.

Section B: Ethics

4. **'Governments should prioritise looking after their own citizens rather than helping refugees.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should refer to at least one religious tradition.
5. **'You should always try to do the thing that brings about the greatest good for the greatest number of people.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should refer to at least one religious tradition.
6. **'Environmental concerns are the most significant of the ethical problems facing people today.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should refer to at least one religious tradition.

Section C: The Gospels

7. **'The gospels are not historically accurate, so we can know nothing about who Jesus was or what he did.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
8. **'The account of the resurrection demonstrates that there is life after death.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should use examples from Jesus' ministry to support your answer.
9. **'Jesus' taught that what you do is more important than what you believe.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should use examples from Jesus' ministry to support your answer.

Section D: Christianity

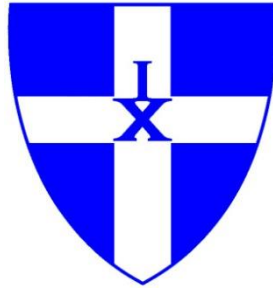
10. **'Infant baptism is meaningless.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
11. **'Christians should be prepared to use violence to defend the weak.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
12. **'The church should not have women bishops.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

Section E: World Religions

13. **'Being part of a religious community is an essential part of being religious.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should refer to at least one religious tradition.
14. **'The stories in holy books should not be taken literally.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should refer to at least one religious tradition.
15. **'Religious leaders have God-given authority and should be obeyed.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should refer to at least one religious tradition.

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Section A: Philosophy of Religion

1. **'To what extent does the ontological argument provide good evidence for God?'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
2. **'If God exists, it should be possible to find evidence of that fact.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

Section B: Ethics

3. **'Doctors do not have a duty to treat patients with Ebola.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should refer to at least one religious tradition.
4. **'The most important principle to consider when making any ethical decision is the probable consequences of your action.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should refer to at least one religious tradition.

Section C: The Gospels

5. **'The disciples failed to live up to Jesus' expectations of them.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should use examples from the gospels.
6. **'Jesus' life was more important than his death.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should use examples from Jesus' ministry to support your answer.

Section D: Christianity

7. **'Traditional Christianity is in decline because Christian principles conflict with modern values.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
8. **'Priests are unnecessary.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

Section E: World Religions

9. **'It is the duty of religious people to try and convert others.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should refer to at least one religious tradition.
10. **'Religious beliefs about life after death are impossible for people to accept today.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should refer to at least one religious tradition.
11. **'The moral teachings of a religion are more important than its beliefs.'** Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You should refer to at least one religious tradition.

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