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**RELIGION STUDIES P2**

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**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 only THREE questions.
3. If you choose QUESTION 5, answer EITHER QUESTION 5.1 OR QUESTION 5.2.
4. Read ALL the questions carefully.
5. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
6. Write neatly and legibly.

**QUESTION 1**

- 1.1 Analyse some of the major problems faced by today's South African youth. (15)
- 1.2 Discuss these problems in terms of rights and responsibilities in the light of the South African Constitution. (15)
- 1.3 With reference to the sources from any TWO religions, discuss the extent to which they support the balance between rights and responsibilities. (20)
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**QUESTION 2**

- 2.1 Explain the term *parable* and give the purpose of a parable. (10)
- 2.2 Select ONE parable each from any TWO religions and discuss the relevant moral/teaching thereof. (40)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 3**

Plan an inter-religious conference for the youth in South Africa. Clearly state your objectives and action plan, in terms of the following:

- Background to the conference
- Purpose of the conference
- Current situation of the youth
- Challenges of organising the conference, and solutions
- Delegates (representation)
- Programme

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**QUESTION 4**

Discuss the following concepts as they occur in the context of various religions:

- Divine inspiration (20)
  - Oral tradition (15)
  - Sacred books (15)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 5**

Answer EITHER QUESTION 5.1 OR QUESTION 5.2.

5.1 Quotations from various religions are provided below. Choose any ONE quotation and discuss it in the light of at least THREE central teachings of that religion. Your answer must be supported by relevant references from primary, secondary and other sources.

5.1.1 'There was a universe before this one and there will be a universe after this one.' (Rig Veda, 10-190-3)

5.1.2 'It is not always physical bravery that counts. One must have the courage to face life as it is, to go through sorrows and always sacrifice oneself for the sake of others.' Kipsigis saying (Kenya)

5.1.3 'May generosity triumph over niggardliness. May love triumph over contempt.' (Excerpt from Yasna)

5.1.4 'Have benevolence towards all living things, joy at the sight of the virtuous, compassion and sympathy for the afflicted and tolerance towards the indolent and ill behaved.' (Tattvanthasutra 7.11)

5.1.5 'The world stands upon three things: upon the Law, upon worship and upon showing kindness.' (Mishnah, 1:2)

5.1.6 'There is no god except Allah and Muhammed is his messenger.' (Declaration of faith)

5.1.7 'For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' (John 3:16)

5.1.8 'Wisdom springs from meditation; without meditation wisdom wanes. Having known these two paths of progress and decline, let a man so conduct himself that his wisdom may increase.' (Dhammapada 282)

5.1.9 'The earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens.' (Baha'u'llah)

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**OR**

5.2 Discuss the internal differentiations that exist within any ONE religion. Answer according to the following sub-headings:

- Historical development of the differentiations
- Differentiations in teachings and beliefs
- Differentiations in practices (for example rituals)
- Nature and seriousness of differentiations
- Possible future developments

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**TOTAL: 150**