



# basic education

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## **NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

**GRADE 12**

**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 FOUR questions.
2. Answer only THREE questions.
3. Read ALL the questions carefully.
4. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

**QUESTION 1**

Suppose you are a member of an interfaith organisation, such as the World Council for Religion and Peace (WCRP). You are being interviewed by an international news channel. Write your responses to the following questions:

- 1.1 Do you think interreligious cooperation is necessary today? Give reasons for your response. (10)
- 1.2 Elaborate on two examples where interreligious cooperation has worked in South Africa or Africa. (10)
- 1.3 What role has the African Traditional Religion (ATR) played in interreligious dialogue in Africa, and what role do you see for it to play in the future? (10)
- 1.4 What, do you think, will be the future roles of interreligious organisations? (10)
- 1.5 Islam is seen by many as a rapidly growing religion in the West. What impact will this have on organisations such as the WCRP? (10)
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**QUESTION 2**

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Poverty is described as the inability of individuals or households to meet their basic needs, such as food, shelter, clothing and medical care. The cycle of poverty has far-reaching consequences and is not easy to break.

- 2.1 Why should religious organisations in particular play a role in addressing poverty? Refer to relevant teachings where possible. (20)
- 2.2 Give an example of at least ONE religious organisation and state how it helps to overcome poverty. (14)
- 2.3 Identify ONE other social problem (besides poverty) and state what religious organisations can do to address it. (16)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 3**

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Science is something that human beings have done in all cultures for many centuries. And so is religion. It is therefore an old relationship – sometimes they clashed and at other times they supported each other.

[Source: *Shuters, p. 52*]

- 3.1 Choose TWO of the following religions and discuss their beliefs regarding the concept of creation:
- African Traditional Religion
  - Hinduism
  - Christianity
- (20)
- 3.2 Write a summary of the modern scientific view of creation. (20)
- 3.3 Compare the religious views that you have addressed in QUESTIONS 3.1 and 3.2 above with the scientific views of creation. (10)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 4**

Discuss the central teachings of any ONE religion under the following headings:

- 4.1 Nature of divinity (10)
- 4.2 Place and responsibility of humanity in the world (10)
- 4.3 Life after death (10)
- 4.4 The overcoming of evil (10)
- 4.5 The nature of the world (10)
- [50]**

**TOTAL: 150**