



# basic education

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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 any THREE of the four questions.
3. Read ALL the questions carefully before selecting THREE questions.
4. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

**QUESTION 1**

Read the statement below and answer the questions that follow.

HIV and Aids is one of the major challenges facing South Africa.

- 1.1 Explain the impact of HIV and Aids on South African society. (10)
- 1.2 With reference to the teachings of any TWO religions, discuss the solutions to the problem that each offers. (20)
- 1.3 Discuss practical strategies that religious organisations can use to combat HIV and Aids. (10)
- 1.4 Do you think that religious organisations are currently succeeding in the struggle against HIV and Aids? Give reasons for your answer. (10)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 2**

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

There was a time when religions used to provide all the answers to the important questions about existence. But science has started answering them too.

[Adapted from *Religion Studies*, Steyn et al. p. 241]

In the light of the extract above, select ONE religion and compare the following:

- 2.1 The religion's teachings about the nature of man and the world, with those of Darwin's theory of evolution (30)
- 2.2. The religion's teachings about divinity and the creation of the universe, with the big bang theory (20)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 3**

Read the statement below and answer the questions that follow.

The transformation of our country requires the greatest possible cooperation between religions and political bodies, critically and wisely serving our people together. Neither political nor religious objectives can be achieved in isolation.

[Nelson Mandela (1997)]

- 3.1      3.1.1      Compare the interreligious relationships in South Africa during apartheid (up to 1994) with the post-apartheid era (1995 to present). (24)
- 3.1.2.      Which ONE of the two eras above would you prefer, and why? (6)
- 3.2      Organisations such as the World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP) aim to create harmony amongst the religions of the world.
- Give a brief account of their history and discuss what work these organisations have done outside of the African continent. (20)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 4**

- 4.1      Explain the hermeneutical principles of interpreting the normative sources in any ONE religion. (10)
- 4.2      Discuss divine inspiration, including its differing roles, in the following:
- 4.2.1      ATR (African Traditional Religion) (10)
- 4.2.2      Any ONE Middle Eastern religion (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) (10)
- 4.3      Discuss the central teachings of any ONE religion under the following headings:
- 4.3.1      The nature of evil (10)
- 4.3.2      Life after death (10)
- [50]**

**TOTAL:      150**