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QUESTION 1 *NOTE: In cases where more than three questions are answered, credit must be given for the FIRST THREE responses only .*

- 1.1
- People have a tendency to believe that substance abuse brings relief from the problems they have.
 - Peer pressure often causes the young people to engage in substance abuse.
 - A high rate of unemployment also contributes to substance abuse.
 - Out of poverty and desperation, a person may become entrapped in the drug industry.
 - Lack of stability in the family institution, can be a contributing factor.
 - Substance abuse is also caused by abusive relationships, such as physical and emotional abuse.
 - Drugs are readily available in our communities.

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NOTE: *Other relevant points must be credited.*

A maximum of 4 marks may be allocated for the listing of crimes resulting from substance abuse.

- 1.2
- Substance abuse has a harmful impact on our society.
 - Most learners who are involved in substance abuse do not complete their studies.
 - Many parents develop different stress-related diseases due to their children's involvement in substance abuse.
 - If one married member of the family is involved in substance abuse, family violence results in the family breaking up.
 - The crime rate in communities is very high because of substance abuse.
 - Substance abuse has a negative impact in the treatment of various diseases such as, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, diabetes, etc.

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NOTE: *Other relevant points must be credited.*

1.3 **Example 1: Christianity**

- The Christian faith teaches that the body of a human being is the temple of the Holy Spirit.
- The Church must encourage their members to keep their bodies holy by not involving themselves in substance abuse.
- Christianity teaches that people were created in the image of God; therefore one must keep oneself clean in both body and mind.
- Christianity also teaches that one should not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, one must be filled with the Spirit.
- "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as the children of light." This means that substance abuse leads to immorality, such as promiscuity, sexual violence and other atrocities.
- Christianity teaches that one must make the most of every opportunity, because 'the days are evil'.
- Every person must ensure that he or she has used the available time fruitfully instead of wasting it with substance abuse, which may lead to regrets in the future.
- The Bible teaches that one should not be in the company of the wrong persons, which may lead to the development of bad habits, such as substance abuse.

Example 2: Hinduism

- According to the Vedic sages, human life should be divided into four stages.
- These stages are student life, the life of the householder, the life of semi-retired person and the life of the renunciate (someone who gives up all worldly ties in order to be totally devoted to God).
- At the first stage the young person is expected to spend his or her time and energy in achieving secular and spiritual knowledge at the feet of the competent teacher.
- During this period the student is to observe sexual abstinence and general self-control including abstaining from substance abuse.
- In the householder stage, a person must marry, raise a family, become economically productive and work for the welfare of the society.
- It is however, impossible to fulfil these duties of a householder if one is involved in substance abuse.
- The purpose of semi-retirement is to encourage the person to become detached from worldly activities and attachments, and all vices.
- The semi-retired should concentrate on studying the scriptures, practising meditation and other such spiritual endeavours.
- Finally, the life of renunciation is to renounce the world (including temptation such as drugs) and concentrate exclusively upon the spiritual quest.

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NOTE: Note that the candidate will be awarded full marks for relevant teachings from any religion of her/his choice.

- 1.4
- The Catholic Church has a variety of sodalities, which are engaged in the prevention of substance abuse.
 - One of their efforts was to declare the year 2014 as the Year of the Family.
 - This was an endeavour to fight against all the challenges that families have experienced through substance abuse.
 - The Catholic branch has established and activated the society of Health Professionals, Education Professionals, Justice Professionals and Social Development, which all work as a team to educate the youth and adults on issues of substance abuse.
 - The Islamic Faith has also made considerable efforts to fight against substance abuse.
 - An organisation called People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (PAGAD) was established in 1996 as a largely Islamic, community anti-crime group to fight against drugs and violence in the Cape Flats of Cape Town.
 - Its aim is to eradicate the evil scourge of gangsterism and drugs from society.
 - Different faith groups have created youth programmes, which address various social ills, such as substance abuse.

- Different religious organisations are playing a significant role in fighting against the scourge of substance abuse and other evils in society.
- However, their success depends more on the support of, and cooperation with, the different stakeholders such as the government and community members.

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NOTE: Other relevant points must be credited. A minimum of 4 marks is awarded for discussing the efficacy of practical strategies

[50]**QUESTION 2**

Note: If the candidate has discussed more than one religion, only the dominant religion must be credited.

2.1 Example 1: Christianity

- Christianity believes in the existence of the Divine and Supreme Being known as God.
- God is omnipresent.(not confined to physical laws of space)
- God is omniscient (all knowing).
- God manifested Himself as Three Persons (Trinity):
- God the Father as the Creator of the universe.
- God the Son, the Saviour and Liberator of humanity.
- God the Holy Spirit as Counsellor for the Christians.

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NOTE: Relevant facts from this or other religions must be credited.

2.2

- According to the Christian faith, in the beginning there was nothing.
- The Book of Genesis states that God created the world and the universe in six days.
- The world was perfect after the Holy Trinity had finished with the creation.
- Human, marine, animals, plants and life all belong to God.
- God is in charge of the weather, climate and seasons.
- The world is subject to the governance of humanity.

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NOTE: Relevant facts from this or other religions must be credited.

2.3

- Christianity believes that humans were created in the image of God.
- Adam and Eve were instructed to look after the Garden of Eden and the whole of the creation.
- As co-creators with God, humans are God's representatives on earth.
- God appointed human beings to look after the world on His behalf.
- Human beings were also given the highest status above all God's creation.

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NOTE: Relevant facts from this or other religions must be credited.

2.4

- According to Christianity, God did not create evil.
- God created a perfect world and perfect human beings.
- Evil was introduced later when Adam and Eve disobeyed God's commands.
- Satan was a rebellious angel.
- He tried to mislead Adam and Eve.
- Christianity calls this kind of disobedience, sin.
- Christians believe that evil is often used by Satan to influence human beings to rebel against God.

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NOTE: Relevant facts from this or other religions must be credited.

2.5 Life after death

- In Christianity, it is believed that human beings were created immortal.
- Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command and committed a sin.
- The penalty for their sin was death for the human race.
- God the Father sent His Son Jesus Christ to save mankind from the penalty of sin.
- Through Christ's death and resurrection, death was conquered.
- Those who follow God's commands through His Son Jesus Christ have been promised eternal life.
- Those who do not follow God's command through His Son will suffer eternal death.
- Since Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead, those who will have lived according to God's will, will also be resurrected and live eternally.

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NOTE: *Relevant facts from this or other religions must be credited.*

2.1 **Example 2: Hinduism**

The nature of divinity

- The Vedas teach that there are many different gods and goddesses in the universe.
- The different gods and goddesses are the manifestations of the same divine power, called Brahman.
- Brahman is not a supreme being or deity, but is a divine power that makes up the entire universe.
- It is the 'World Soul' that exists everywhere and everything is part of it.
- Brahman is an impersonal power that cannot be described or known by humans, unless and until they attain spiritual liberation (moksha).

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NOTE: *Relevant facts from this or other religions must be credited.*

2.2 The nature of the world

- According to the Hindu religion, the universe did not have a sudden start or beginning.
- The universe will not have a sudden end.
- The entire universe is made up of Brahman.
- The world is the manifestation of Brahman because Brahman is the divine power.
- Humans, plants and animals are also part of the universe.
- Hindus believe in the theory of evolution.

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NOTE: *Relevant facts from this or other religions must be credited.*

2.3

- A young person in the world has a responsibility to ensure that her or his time and energy are used effectively to attain the secular and spiritual knowledge and in doing so, a good teacher is indispensable. This is the first stage of personal development.
- In the second stage of human life, it is expected of a grown up person to get married, look after her or his family and ascertain that he or she works productively and be economically stable for the welfare of the society
- The next stage is called the semi-retirement stage. Its purpose is to encourage the person to motivate other people to remain detached from worldly attachments.

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- It is expected of the semi-retired to focus on studying the scriptures, practising meditation and other spiritual endeavours.
- The final stage for the Hindu is to renounce the world and concentrate on the spiritual quest. (10)

NOTE: *Relevant facts from this or other religions must be credited.*

2.4

- In Hinduism, there is no concept of sin or evil.
- Hindus believe that humans commit sins because they are ignorant about the true nature of the soul and Brahman.
- According to Hindus, humans control their fate because everything in the universe is bound by the Law of Karma.
- The choices that a human being makes will affect her or him in the future.
- Hindus try to live a life that is free from sin so that they will be rewarded with a better life time. (10)

NOTE: *Relevant facts from this or other religions must be credited.*

2.5

- According to the Hindu Religion, humans are trapped in the cycle of birth and rebirth, known as samsara.
- When a person dies, the soul is reborn or reincarnated into another body.
- The spiritual goal of a human being is to free the soul so that its oneness with Brahman can be realised.
- The soul can only be truly happy when it has reached moksha.
- Moksha refers to the stage when humans are no longer trapped in the cycle of birth and rebirth. (10)

NOTE: *Relevant facts from this or other religions must be credited.*

[50]**QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 3.1.1 **NOTE:** *Marks are awarded either in 3.1.1. OR in 3.1.2 for naming the branches of a religion*

Example 1: Islam

- **Sunni Muslims**
- The Sunni followers believe that the faithful rather than the descendants of the Prophet should elect their leader.
- Sunni refers to 'following' the Sunnah (example) of the Prophet Muhammad.
- All the companions of the Prophets are given equal respect in Islam.
- The Sunni regard the Hadith recorded by all the Prophet's companions to be important.
- **Shi'a Muslims**
- The Shi'a believe that the caliphate (successor) should be from the descendants of the Prophet Muhammad.
- They claim that the caliphs are divinely appointed with supernatural knowledge and authority to lead the faithful.
- They commemorate the death of Hussein whom they believe was martyred at Karbala by the Sunnis.
- They share the collective guilt for not coming to his aid when he was killed.

Example 2: African Traditional Religion• **AmaZulu**

- AmaZulu acknowledge the existence of a Supreme Being, called Umvelinqangi.
- They believe that His status is so lofty that one cannot directly approach Him.
- Communication with Umvelinqangi is done through the ancestors.
- AmaZulu believe in the feminine divinity, called uNomkhubulwane.
- UNomkhubulwane is associated with fertility and agriculture.
- They also believe in the ceremony called 'brought back', where the living dead is established as an ancestor

• **.Aka (Central Africa)**

- The Aka believe in a creator spirit, called Bembe.
- They believe that Bembe retired after the act of creation.
- Because they are nomadic and hunter gatherers, they believe in the forest spirit called, Dzengi.
- They believe that Dzengi assists them in the successful hunting of elephants.

• **Yoruba (South West Nigeria)**

- Olodumare is the principal Creator
- Each human possesses a fate or destiny.
- Life and death are seen as cyclical (reincarnation in human form).
- The aim is spiritual improvement.
- Good spirits become one with Olodumare.

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NOTE: *Relevant facts from this or other religions must be credited.*

Should a candidate not mention all the major branches of the selected religion, the candidate can obtain a maximum of 14 marks.

Differences arising from African clan/tribal/cultural differences should also be credited.

3.1.2 Example 1: Islam**Sunni Muslims**

- Religious practices are strictly in accordance with the sunnah of the Prophet as laid down in the Hadith.
- In Sunni Islam, the Imam is simply the leader of the congregational prayer.
- The title 'Imam' does not denote formal training in Sunni Islam.
- The concept of Muttah (temporary marriage) is not recognised in Sunni Islam.

Shi'a Muslims

- Among the Shi'a the hadith from Ali and Fatima, (daughter of the Prophet) are given more prominence.
- The shrine of Hussain in Karbala is an important pilgrimage site for Shi'as.
- Muttah (temporary marriage) is allowed in Shi'a Islam.

- Self-mutilation is practised by the Shi'a in commemoration of the

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death of Hussain.

Example 2: African Traditional Religion**AmaZulu**

- They burn incense during communication with the ancestors.
- When there is misfortune or illness, they consult the traditional healer or diviner.
- UNomkhubulwane (feminine divinity) is approached through a pilgrimage to the mountain during the times of natural disasters or drought.
- Young girls undertake a pilgrimage to the mountain to communicate with uNomkhubulwane.

Aka (Central Africa)

- Dancing and singing are performed in honour of Dzengi.
- They slaughter an animal in communication rituals with the ancestors.
- When they go for hunting they perform a ritual which involves animal slaughtering to communicate with the animal spirit.
- They consult ngangas when taking difficult decisions.
- When there is illness or crisis in the family or community, the ngangas (traditional healers) are consulted.

Yoruba

- Religious practices focus on Ori-Orun (spiritual self)
- Sincere meditation and veneration strengthen one's links with the spiritual realm.
- Spiritual contact is made via various intermediaries, including Orisas (lesser divinities) and
- Babalawo (priest of divination)
- Each town has its own orisa, and a temple dedicated to it.

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Reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yoruba_religion

NOTE: *Relevant facts from this or other religions must be credited. Should a candidate not mention all the major branches of the selected religion, the candidate can obtain a maximum of 12 marks.*

3.2 Example 1: Buddhism

- The sacred book for Buddhism is called Pali Canon or Tripitaka.
- This large canonical tradition was transmitted orally for a few centuries before it was written up.
- Buddhism has produced an ever growing body of commentaries on the canonical tradition.
- Having been originally passed along by the oral tradition, it was finally written down in the Pali language.
- The above is the reason why it was called the Pali Canon.
- 'Tripitaka' means three baskets because they were first written on palm leaves which were put in the three different baskets.
- The three sections of the Tripitaka are the following: the Vinaya Pitaka, Abhidhama Pitaka and Sutta Pitaka.
- The Vinaya Pitaka describes the right conduct and rules of monastic discipline.
- The Abhidhama Pitaka contains the philosophy, poetry, commentaries

and doctrines.

- The Sutta Pitaka contains the teachings of Buddha.

Example 2 : Judaism

- The sacred book in Judaism is called the 'Tenach.'
- The Tenach is categorised into three sections, namely Torah, Neviim and Ketuvim.
- The Tenach was written in Hebrew.
- The Jews believe that the Torah existed even before the world was created.
- The Torah was revealed by God to Moses and through him to the Jewish nation.
- It is eternal and unchangeable.
- The Torah contains God's divine words that were revealed in the first five books of Moses.
- The Neviim contains the historical books that recorded parts of the prophecies of the early pre-literary prophets.
- The Ketuvim represents the additional writings that were not Torah or Neviim; such as Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Songs, etc.
- The Talmud is an additional writing of the Rabbis' laws about marriage, prayer and rituals.

NOTE: *Relevant facts from this or other religions must be credited.*

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QUESTION 4

4.1 **Example 1:**

- **Agnosticism**
- It is derived from the Greek word, 'a' meaning without and 'gnosis' which means knowledge.
- This term was introduced by Thomas Huxley (1825–1895).
- Thomas Huxley was a philosopher, colleague and friend of Charles Darwin.
- Huxley believed that it is not possible to prove either way – the existence or non-existence of God.
- Agnostic ideas predate the use of the term agnosticism.

Example 2:

- **Materialism**
- This secular world view believes that matter is the only reality and denies the existence of spiritual or super natural realm.
- It developed in different areas in Europe and Asia during what is known as the Axial Age (800–00 BCE)
- There are also expressions of this philosophy to be found in the Ancient Indian philosophy, in Buddhism and Confucianism.
- In the West, it was first developed by the Greek philosophers, the Atomists, and was revived in the 18th Century during the Enlightenment era.
- During the 19th century, Karl Marx elaborated the concept to describe human history and economic activities.
- Karl Marx used the term dialectical materialism, meaning that matter is the fundamental cause of everything.

- He also used the term historical materialism meaning economics and

relationships between workers and owners as the fundamental structure in the society.

NOTE: Relevant facts from these or other worldviews must be credited. (10)

4.2

- South Africa is a secular state.
- The South African Constitution mentions 'God' but it does not support one religion over another.
- The South African Constitution therefore defines South Africa as a secular state.
- Within the South African Constitution, freedom of religion and Human Rights are supported explicitly in that it is not based on a particular religion.
- The South African Government does not discriminate against minority religions.
- Different religions, including minorities, do participate in the formal activities of the state (e.g. opening of parliament).
- The government allows different religions to observe their religious holidays without discrimination.
- The South African Government has introduced Religion Studies in its schools to promote religious tolerance.
- The law punishes people who discriminate against others on the basis of their religions.
- All persons are free to choose and practise the religions of their choice. (20)

4.3

NOTE: Should the candidate write exclusively about EITHER religion OR science, a maximum of 10 marks may be awarded.

Example 1: Abrahamic Religions

- According to the Abrahamic religions, the Creator that is spoken about is male.
- At first, only the Creator existed.
- The Creator then made the universe from nothing.
- The process of creation took six days. Humans were made on the sixth day.
- The first two humans were Adam and Eve.
- They lived in a perfect garden.
- They had a free will between choosing what was good and what was wrong.
- According to the Big Bang theory, it is not known what existed before the Big Bang.
- The Big Bang theory states that there was an enormous explosion and, within a second, the universe had appeared and filled out to an enormous size. This is contradictory to the Abrahamic account of creation.
- The Big Bang theory stated that the process of creation took a second, whereas according to the Abrahamic account it took six days.
- According to the scientific account, the Big Bang theory happened about 13,7 billion years ago.
- According to creationism, the earth is only about six thousand years old.
- The scientific account does not mention any creator.

NOTE: Credit must be given for any ONE Abrahamic faith.

Example 2:Hinduism

- To Hindus, the universe itself is the creator.
- This does not contradict the Big Bang Theory.
- The Creator has existed, and will exist for all time. Of course, no creator is mentioned in the Big Bang theory.
- The Creator has no limitations, and therefore is not 'he' or 'she' or anything else.
- The Creator is simply the Creator.
- The Creator exists in either active or passive state.
- The passive state is a state of rest, when nothing happens.
- At rest, the universe has no form, and is undifferentiated.
- After a very long time the Creator becomes active again.
- This is when parts of the universe become different from other parts, and creation begins.
- According to science, the universe is ever expanding. There is no rest period.
- Humans are but a product of creation and all life form are related.

This explanation of human existence is in line with the scientific explanation.

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