



# basic education

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**GRADE 12**

**RELIGION STUDIES P2  
FEBRUARY/MARCH 2014**

**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 of the four questions.
3. Read ALL the questions carefully before selecting THREE questions.
4. Each question carries 50 marks.
5. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
6. Write neatly and legibly.

**QUESTION 1**

Read the newspaper article below and answer the questions that follow.

**CHURCH MUST GUIDE SOUTH AFRICA**

ANC deputy president Cyril Ramaphosa has called on the church to be South Africa's moral conscience when it comes to crimes such as rape, *City Press* reported. 'There is no better agent than the church to raise the moral conscience of our country.' Ramaphosa said that Christians needed to be at the forefront of preventing abuse of women. 'We also need to be the moral conscience of our country when it comes to respect for women and acting against rapists', he said.

[Adapted from *City Press*, 3 March 2013]

- 1.1 Discuss FIVE factors that you think contribute to the high rate of rape in our country. (10)
- 1.2 Discuss religious teachings from any TWO religions that address the rights of women. (20)
- 1.3 Do you think that religious organisations are in a position to address gender violence? Give reasons for your answer. (10)
- 1.4 What role can community members play in supporting the victims of rape? (10)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 2**

- 2.1 Discuss the hermeneutical principles of interpreting normative sources in any ONE religion. (20)
- 2.2 Discuss the following concepts in the context of religion:
- 2.2.1 Divine inspiration (10)
- 2.2.2 Oral tradition (10)
- 2.3 Explain the big bang theory. (10)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 Discuss the central teachings of any ONE religion under the following headings:
- 3.1.1 The nature of divinity (10)
- 3.1.2 The nature of the world (10)

- 3.2 Discuss the responses of any ONE religion to the following fundamental questions about human existence:
- 3.2.1 What was man's origin? (10)
- 3.2.2 What is the role of humankind in the universe? (10)
- 3.2.3 What is humankind's ultimate destination? (10)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 4**

- 4.1 Discuss the role of sacred scriptures in religion. (20)
- 4.2 Give a brief history of interreligious dialogue during apartheid South Africa (prior to 1994). (10)
- 4.3 Name TWO religious organisations that promote interreligious dialogue and describe the work done by each. (20)
- [50]**
- TOTAL: 150**