



# basic education

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**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 FIVE questions.
2. Answer only THREE of the five 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**

Read the statement below and answer the questions that follow.

Many major social problems exist in South Africa. Religious teachings of all religions offer solutions and relief to these major social problems.

- 1.1 Identify ONE social problem and show how it manifests itself in society. (10)
- 1.2 Discuss how economic and social factors play a role in causing the problem. (10)
- 1.3 Choose ONE religion and show how it offers solutions to the problem. (10)
- 1.4 Develop a practical strategy in the context of religion to address the problem. (20)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 2**

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Many people predicted that Darwin's evolution theory would mean the end of religion. While it caused great divisions in many religious communities, the theory of evolution has not replaced religious beliefs.

[Source: *Focus*, RD Donne and S Harbour, p.99]

- 2.1 What, in your opinion, is the relationship between science and any ONE of the following: (10)
- Eastern religion
  - Middle Eastern religion
- 2.2 Choose ONE religion and discuss whether it is in conflict with Darwin's theory of evolution. (20)
- 2.3 Discuss the big bang theory and compare it to creation in any ONE religion. (20)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 Discuss the hermeneutical principles of interpreting normative sources of any ONE religion. (20)
- 3.2 Discuss the roles of the following in the context of religion:
- 3.2.1 Inspiration (10)
  - 3.2.2 Oral tradition (10)
  - 3.2.3 Sacred books (10)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 4**

Read the statement below and answer the questions that follow.

Christian settlers arrived in South Africa in 1652, Muslims in 1796 and Hindus in 1860, whilst African Traditional Religion had always been practised in the country.

- 4.1 Discuss interreligious dialogue (if any) in South Africa, prior to 1996. (10)
- 4.2 Analyse the role of present legislation in encouraging healthy interreligious relations in South Africa. (20)
- 4.3 Explain the role of interreligious organisations in the international community. (20)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 5**

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

- 5.1 The nature of divinity (10)
- 5.2 The nature of the world (10)
- 5.3 The individual and the community (10)
- 5.4 The place and responsibility of humanity in the world (10)
- 5.5 The nature of evil (10)
- [50]**

**TOTAL: 150**