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GR 10 RELIGION STUDIES

PAPER 2

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TIME: 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

TOTAL: 150

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Instructions:

1. Read the questions carefully and answer in full sentences where necessary.
2. Number your answers according to the numbering system used in the question paper.
3. Write the name of the educator on the folio paper
4. Write neatly and legibly.
5. This paper consists of FIVE questions – answer ANY THREE (3x50).
6. Start each question on a NEW PAGE.

This question paper consists of 4 pages.

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS FROM THE OPTIONS

QUESTION 1

- 1.1 Name the FOUR main religions in South Africa today. (8)
- 1.2 Briefly explain why you consider the religions in QUESTION 1.1 as the main religions. (2)
- 1.3 Provide any THREE religions that are practised in the Far East today. (6)
- 1.4 Discuss any TWO festivals for each of the following religions:
- 1.4.1 Islam (6)
 - 1.4.2 Judaism (6)
 - 1.4.3 Hinduism (6)
 - 1.4.4 Christianity (6)
- 1.5 Evaluate how African Initiated Churches started in South Africa. (10)
- (50)**

QUESTION 2

- 2.1 Explain the following concepts:
- 2.1.1 Fundamentalism (4)
 - 2.1.2 Syncretism (4)
 - 2.1.3 Pluralism (4)
- 2.2 Define the following terms.
- 2.2.1 BCE (2)
 - 2.2.2 CE (2)
 - 2.2.3 List the reasons why BC and AC is no longer used. (4)
- 2.3 Differentiate between Religious Education and Religion Studies. (8)
- 2.4 Describe how statistics on religious membership are obtained and explain some of the difficulties of getting accurate figures. (8)

2.5 *Middle East conflict calls for solidarity, tolerance and dialogue. Let us promote dialogue and meaningful engagement so that, as South Africans, we may work together to support realisation of just, peaceful and secure future of the people of both Palestine and Israel.*

President Cyril Ramaphosa

<https://www.gov.za/news/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-extraordinary-joint-meeting-brics-leaders-and-leaders>

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- 2.5.1 Explain religious conflict. (4)
- 2.5.2 What does religious dialogue refer to? (4)
- 2.5.3 Explain why religious dialogue is important in situations of religious conflict, like between Palestine and Israel. (6)
- (50)**

QUESTION 3

- 3.1 Differentiate between a belief system and a worldview. (8)
- 3.2 Does religion have to include belief in God or a supreme being? Explain your answer and include applicable examples. (6)
- 3.3 Can we consider communism a religion? Motivate your answer. Start by discussing what communism is. (10)
- 3.4 Define religion AND discuss some of the difficulties of arriving at an inclusive definition. (10)
- 3.5 Do you deem religion or faith important?
Give reasons to support your answer as to why people need religion/faith or why you feel people can live without it. (10)
- 3.6 Name THREE things that are important when interacting with other religions. (6)
- (50)**

QUESTION 4

Religion is more than rite and ritual.

-Yann Martel-

- 4.1 What would a Religion Studies researcher say the word 'objective' means? (8)
- 4.2 Describe the difference between insider and outsider views, especially in relation to researching religion. (4)
- 4.3 Discuss the importance of rituals. (8)
- 4.4 Choose ONE of the following rituals and describe it.
• Islam – Birth in a Muslim community.
• ATR – Initiation. (10)

- 4.5 State the steps you would take to research a ritual in a religious community which is new to you. (14)
- 4.6 In a rainbow country like South Africa there are different religions and thus many rituals. People outside of religion may not understand specific rituals or even feel offended.
- 4.6.1 Analyse what you could do to include someone in a ritual or just at least promote understanding and tolerance. (6)
- (50)**

QUESTION 5

- 5.1 Specify evidence for the presence of religion in human history. (6)
- 5.2 Explain how each of the following religions arrived and developed in South Africa.
- 5.2.1 Hinduism (10)
- 5.2.2 Judaism (10)
- 5.2.3 Islam (10)
- 5.3 Indicate what Polytheism refers to. State whether your own religion is polytheistic and give a reason for your answer. (4)
- 5.4 Religions developed in different clusters in different parts of the world. Give the name of each of the FIVE clusters as well as an example of a religion included in each cluster. (10)
- (50)**

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