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SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

**GRADE 12**

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**RELIGION STUDIES P1**

**MARKS: 150**

**TIME: 2 hours**



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This question paper consists of 8 pages.

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**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of TWO sections:  
SECTION A and SECTION B.
2. SECTION A is COMPULSORY.
3. SECTION B consists of four questions of which TWO must be answered.
4. Read ALL the questions carefully before making a choice.
5. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
6. The length of your answers must be in accordance with the marks allocated to each question.
7. Answer each question on a NEW page.
8. Write neatly and legibly.

**SECTION A (COMPULSORY)****QUESTION 1**

1.1 Briefly define the following concepts in the context of religion:

- 1.1.1 Ideology (2)
- 1.1.2 Teaching (2)
- 1.1.3 Parable (2)
- 1.1.4 Myth (2)
- 1.1.5 Belief (2)

1.2 Complete the following sentences by filling in the missing word(s). Write only the word next to the question number (1.2.1–1.2.5) in the ANSWER BOOK. Choose the answer from the following list:

Calabash; Hebrew; Torah; Halaal; Karma
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- 1.2.1 Food permissible to Muslim consumption is referred to as ... (2)
  - 1.2.2 In the African culture the ... may be used to drink water or traditionally brewed beer. (2)
  - 1.2.3 The study and practice of the ... are seen as the antidote of evil. (2)
  - 1.2.4 Hindu ethics is referred as ... (2)
  - 1.2.5 The Old Testament texts were written in ... (2)
- 1.3 From each group of words below, choose the word that does NOT fit. Write only the word next to the question number (1.3.1–1.3.5) in the ANSWER BOOK.
- 1.3.1 Bible, Vedas, Dictionary, Qur'an (2)
  - 1.3.2 Moria, Mecca, Pretoria, Jerusalem (2)
  - 1.3.3 Jeremiah, Jesus, Nelson Mandela, Prophet Muhammad (2)
  - 1.3.4 Baha'u'llah, Baha'i, Rome, Kitab-iAqdas (2)
  - 1.3.5 Unkulunkulu, Isangoma, Moses, Ancestors (2)

- 1.4 Indicate whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Write only “true or “false” next to the question number (1.4.1–1.4.5) in the ANSWER BOOK.

1.4.1 Muhammad is the founder / prophet of the Baha’i faith. (2)

1.4.2 The Vedas are regarded as holy scriptures within the Christian faith. (2)

1.4.3 According to the Jewish history, Moses was the first man to acknowledge that God is one god. (2)

1.4.4 The founder of Buddhism is the Dalai Lama. (2)

1.4.5 The sacred scripture of Judaism is the Tanach. (2)

- 1.5 Choose an item from COLUMN A that matches the word/description in COLUMN B. Write only the letter (A–E) to the question number (1.5.1–1.5.5) in your ANSWER BOOK, for example 1.5.6 F.

COLUMN A		COLUMN B	
1.5.1	Baha’i	A	Constitution
1.5.2	Taoism	B	Divine Law of Islam
1.5.3	Sharia	C	African Traditional Religion
1.5.4	Freedom of belief or religion	D	Kitab-iAqdas
1.5.5	Veneration of the ancestors	E	China

(5 x 2) (10)

**TOTAL SECTION A: 50**

**SECTION B**

Answer any TWO of the questions in this section.

**QUESTION 2**

2.1 Define each of the following concepts in the context of religion:

2.1.1 Identity (4)

2.1.2 Unity (4)

2.1.3 Uniqueness (4)

2.1.4 Comparability (4)

2.1.5 Similarity (4)

2.2 Briefly discuss the role of ancestors in African Traditional Religion. (10)

2.3 Discuss the internal differences that exist within any ONE religion under the following headings:

2.3.1 Religious teachings (10)

2.3.2 Religious practices (10)

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**QUESTION 3**

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Similarly, each religion, no matter how closely linked to others, has unique features. Many religions are monotheistic and some are polytheistic. Many believe in life after death, some believe in reincarnation. But each one has a feature or features that distinguish it from each other.

[Adapted from *Shuters Religion Grade 12*, Hofmeyr et al, page 5]

3.1 Write down the features that are fulfilled by the uniqueness of a religion. (5 x 2) (10)

3.2 Briefly discuss the unique features on any ONE of the religions. (5 x 2) (10)

3.3 List FIVE common beliefs shared by the three Abrahamic faiths. (5 x 2) (10)

3.4 "Religions sometimes make use of stories or parables to communicate a moral or philosophical idea."

[Source: Unknown]

Discuss the roles that are played by parables in philosophical or religious teachings. (10)

3.5 Briefly discuss the concept *doctrine* in a religious context. (10)  
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**QUESTION 4**

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

In several recent studies of religious coverage in the media, it was found that coverage had increased significantly over the last decade. However, the coverage was very negative and focused mainly on the following:

- The political elements of religious ideas and institutions. This aspect received the most coverage
- Other issues like the struggles of women and minorities
- Issues involving sexual morality

[Source: Adapted from *Religion Studies Grade 12* by Steyn et al, pages 220–221]

- 4.1 Do you think the media gives fair coverage to religious issues? (2)
- 4.2 Give reasons for your answer to QUESTION 4.1. Include ONE example to support your answer. (10)
- 4.3 Why, do you think, media coverage of religious issues increased sharply? (10)
- 4.4 Discuss ONE example from the media that refers to the political elements of religion. (10)
- 4.5 Discuss ONE example from the media that refers to issues involving sexual morality and religion. (10)
- 4.6 Discuss ONE example from media that refers to issues involving women (or minorities) and religion. (8)

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**QUESTION 5**

5.1 Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Religions are supposed to represent our highest ideals and hopes. You would think, therefore, that religions would inspire us to seek peace and to live in harmony with others. But the record of religions, like everything that involves humans, is mixed.

[Source: Adapted from *Shuters Religion Grade 12*, Hofmeyr et al, page 60]

- 5.1.1 Identify ONE region or country of conflict in the world and give a brief history of the conflict. (10)
- 5.1.2 Describe the current situation of the conflict you have identified. (10)
- 5.1.3 Explain the role of religion in the conflict. (10)
- 5.1.4 Distinguish between *religious freedom* and *religious tolerance*. (4)
- 5.2 For each of the following religions, briefly discuss the teachings that promote human rights:
- 5.2.1 Buddhism (4)
- 5.2.2 Christianity (4)
- 5.2.3 Islam (4)
- 5.2.4 African Traditional Religion (4)
- [50]**

**TOTAL SECTION B: 100**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 150**



