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WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 2025 – AFTERNOON

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – Unit 1

PART A – Core Beliefs, Teachings and Practices

– Christianity

– Buddhism

PART B – Religious Responses to Philosophical Themes

– Theme 1: Life and Death

– Theme 2: Good and Evil

2 hours

PART A

PART B

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Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
1.	30	
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2.	30	
3.	30	
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Total	126	

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. If you run out of space, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet, taking care to number the question(s) correctly.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

Your ability to spell, punctuate and use accurate grammar is assessed in question 1(d).

You are expected to use specialist terminology accurately and make reference to sources of religious wisdom and authority (including religious texts), where relevant.



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Answer **all** questions.

PART A – Core Beliefs, Teachings and Practices

Christianity

1. (a) What do Christians mean by 'Messiah'?

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- (b) Describe Christian approaches to ethical decision making.

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(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15]

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PART A – Core Beliefs, Teachings and Practices**Buddhism**

2. (a) What do Buddhists mean by 'Buddha'? [2]

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- (b) Describe Buddha's teachings about suffering (dukkha). [5]

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PART B – Religious Responses to Philosophical Themes**Theme 1: Life and Death****3. (a)** What is meant by 'afterlife'?**[2]**

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(b) Describe Christian **or** Buddhist beliefs about caring for the world.**[5]**

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(c) Explain Christian **and** Buddhist teachings about the origin of the universe.

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PART B – Religious Responses to Philosophical Themes**Theme 2: Good and Evil**

4. (a) What is meant by 'suffering'?

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(b) Describe Christian **or** Buddhist attitudes towards pacifism.

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(c) Explain Christian **and** Buddhist beliefs about how criminals should be treated.

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