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**RELIGION STUDIES P1  
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**MARKS: 150**

**TIME: 2 hours**

**This question paper consists of 9 pages.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of SECTION A and SECTION B.
2. SECTION A: COMPULSORY  
SECTION B: Answer any TWO questions in this section.
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.

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

- 1.1 Various options are provided as possible answers to the following questions. Write down the question number (1.1.1–1.1.10), choose the answer and make a cross (X) over the letter (A–D) of your choice in the ANSWER BOOK.

**EXAMPLE:**

1.1.11

☐ A☐ B☐ C☒ D

- 1.1.1 To establish communication with ancestors, worshippers of the African Traditional Religion must engage in ...

- A stories.
- B rituals.
- C miracles.
- D ubuntu.

(1)

- 1.1.2 The Tao is ...

- A the universe.
- B the path of the universe.
- C oscillation.
- D All the above-mentioned

(1)

- 1.1.3 The mystical dimension of Islam is often called ...

- A a trance.
- B Shi'ism.
- C Sufism.
- D Zakaat/Zakat.

(1)

- 1.1.4 The founder of Taoism was ...

- A Tao-te Ching.
- B Buddha.
- C Chuang-Tzu.
- D Lao-tzu.

(1)

- 1.1.5 The collection of teachings of the Prophet Muhammad is called the ...

- A Qur'an.
- B Vedas.
- C Tripitaka.
- D Hadith.

(1)

- 1.1.6 A ritual based on Jesus' last meal is ...  
A the Eucharist.  
B Christmas.  
C Easter.  
D the Passover. (1)
- 1.1.7 ... is a world view based solely on human reasoning.  
A Socialism  
B Natural Sciences  
C Secularism  
D Enlightenment (1)
- 1.1.8 Zen Buddhism originated ...  
A in Iran.  
B from Theravada Buddhism.  
C from Hinduism.  
D from Mahayana Buddhism. (1)
- 1.1.9 Catholics attend church services called the ...  
A hajj.  
B Mass.  
C Holy Communion.  
D Mitzvot. (1)
- 1.1.10 A teaching not common to Judaism:  
A Giving charity  
B Belief in the afterlife  
C Belief in the ancestors  
D The Sabbath (1)

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

1.2.1 The Bahá'i faith originated in the country presently called ... (1)

1.2.2 In Buddhism Tripitaka means ... (1)

1.2.3 The German priest whose teachings led to Protestantism was ... (1)

1.2.4 The two opposing forces in Taoism are called ... (1)

1.2.5 Jews observe Divine Law called the ... (1)

1.3 Choose the word in each list below that does NOT match the rest. Write down the word and a reason next to the question number (1.3.1–1.3.5) in the ANSWER BOOK.

1.3.1 Ancestors; Clan; Ilimo; Tanach (2)

1.3.2 Bahá'u'lláh; Haifa; Kitáb-i-Aqdas; Abu Bakr (2)

1.3.3 Brahma; Vishnu; Nirvana; Shiva (2)

1.3.4 Theravada; Pali Canon; Sanskrit, Mahayana (2)

1.3.5 Matthew; Mark; Jesus; John (2)

1.4. Each of the statements below is FALSE. Change ONE term/concept in each statement to make it TRUE. Write down the TRUE statement next to the question number (1.4.1–1.4.5) in the ANSWER BOOK.

EXAMPLE: Apples and grapes are vegetables.

ANSWER: 1.4.6 Apples and grapes are fruit.

1.4.1 The most well-known Bodhisattva is Chuang-Tzu. (2)

1.4.2 The Shi'a holy shrine of Karbala is in Saudi Arabia. (2)

1.4.3 The longest epic in Hinduism is the Vedas. (2)

1.4.4 The tangible expression of the oral Torah is Nervim. (2)

1.4.5 The highest goal of Buddhist practice is Darma. (2)

- 1.5 Choose a description from COLUMN B that matches the term in COLUMN A. Write only the letter (A–G) next to the question number (1.5.1–1.5.5) in the ANSWER BOOK.

COLUMN A		COLUMN B	
1.5.1	Karma	A	headquarters of the Bahá'í faith
1.5.2	llimo	B	a sect of Judaism which emphasises kindness and prayer
1.5.3	Orthodox	C	birthplace of the Buddha
1.5.4	Hasidim	D	helping one's neighbours unconditionally
1.5.5	Haifa	E	every action has an effect on the journey of the soul
		F	traditional religious beliefs; keeping to the original
		G	a diviner who heals the living

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- 1.6 In the context of religion, write TWO facts about EACH of the following terms:

- 1.6.1 Zen (2)
- 1.6.2 Dogma (2)
- 1.6.3 Bahá'u'lláh (2)
- 1.6.4 Anthropomorphism (2)
- 1.6.5 Reincarnation (2)

**TOTAL SECTION A: 50**

**SECTION B**

Answer any TWO questions in this section.

**QUESTION 2**

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

According to the Bill of Rights in the South African Constitution 'everyone has the right to freedom of **conscience, religion, thought, belief and opinion**'.

2.1.1 What role did religions play in the development of the Human Rights Charter? Give examples to illustrate the answer. (18)

2.1.2 Discuss the difference between *respect* and *tolerance*. (4)

2.1.3 How is religious tolerance different in Western and Eastern cultures? (8)

2.2 Explain the terms below in a religious context and give ONE example of each:

2.2.1 Similarity (4)

2.2.2 Identity (4)

2.2.3 Colonialism (4)

2.2.4 Unity (4)

2.2.5 Uniqueness (4)  
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**QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 Read the article below and answer the questions that follow.

**MEDIA PORTRAYALS OF RELIGION IN SOUTH AFRICA**

South Africa is a culturally diverse country that is home to many different religions. These religions are not always equally represented in the media, where portrayals of religion are often negatively stereotyped and disempowering. These stereotypes exist for a variety of reasons, from political to financial. Religious stereotypes can be found throughout a wide variety of media, including television, movies and video games.

[Adapted from <http://mediasmarts.ca>. Accessed on 16 June 2016.]

- 3.1.1 Do you agree that 'religions are not always equally represented in the media' in South Africa? Give reasons and use suitable examples to illustrate your answer. (12)
- 3.1.2 Discuss possible factors that may cause the media to be biased against reporting religious issues. (8)
- 3.1.3 Discuss the positive and negative effects of the Internet on religion. (14)

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

**DURBAN'S CALL TO DEVOTION**

On Monday night the Muslim call to prayer from the Juma Mosque was transmitted a mere 200 metres to the 112-year-old Emmanuel Cathedral in the Durban city centre. This occurrence opened a multifaith concert held to celebrate the official opening of the Denis Hurley Centre, on the day that would have marked the Catholic archbishop's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The spectacular World Religions in Concert took place before an audience of 800 and included Buddhist drummers, Indian dancers, lighting of candles in a Jewish menorah and the recital of a Zulu poem of praise.

[Adapted from *The Times*, November 2015]

- 3.2.1 Give TWO reasons why this particular cathedral was chosen for the event. (4)
- 3.2.2 What was this multifaith event called? (2)
- 3.2.3 What, do you think, were the goals of the function? (6)
- 3.2.4 Do you think the report is fair and unbiased? Give TWO reasons for your answer. (4)



**QUESTION 4**

Study the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

The three Abrahamic faiths lived side by side in Portugal-Spain during the 782 years of Muslim-Christian rivalry on its soil. This was despite Christians waging a military struggle to exert sole control. For generations Muslims continued to reside in areas the Christians retook ... and Jews flourished on both sides of the divide.

[Adapted from *Top Class Religion Studies, Grade 12*]

- 4.1 Do you think the article above refers to a religious conflict? Give reasons to support your views. (12)
- 4.2 Identify ONE area of recent conflict, anywhere in the world, and discuss:
- 4.2.1 The causes of the conflict (10)
- 4.2.2 The extent to which religion is involved in the conflict (10)
- 4.2.3 What religions can do to resolve the conflict (8)
- 4.3 Discuss ONE religious leader who has worked to bring about interreligious harmony. (10)  
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**QUESTION 5**

- 5.1 Use a suitable example to explain EACH of the following terms in the context of religion:
- 5.1.1 Belief (6)
- 5.1.2 Ideology (6)
- 5.2 Discuss any FIVE unique features of Taoism. (10)
- 5.3 The World Conference of Religions for Peace is one organisation promoting interreligious dialogue globally. Discuss FIVE functions of this organisation in detail. (10)
- 5.4 What role did interreligious co-operation play in South Africa prior to the democratic election in 1994? (12)
- 5.5 Name THREE African organisations that develop cordial relationships between different religions. (6)  
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**TOTAL SECTION B: 100**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 150**