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MARKS: 150

TIME: 2 hours

This question paper consists of 5 pages.

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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of FOUR questions.
2. Answer any THREE questions.
3. Start EACH question on a NEW page.
4. Read ALL the questions carefully.
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. Write neatly and legibly.



QUESTION 1

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

TEENAGE PREGNANCY

Despite on-going awareness and deterrent attempts by governments and non-governmental organisations, teen pregnancy is still a major concern around the world. Annually, about 16 million girls between 15 and 19 years old become pregnant, while about one million girls under the age of 15 give birth. A further three million girls undergo unsafe abortions each year, according to the fact sheet of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

[Source: news24.com]

1.1.1 Briefly explain why teenage pregnancy is a major concern in society. (10)

1.1.2 With reference to any ONE religion you have studied, discuss THREE of its teachings that address the issue of teenage pregnancy. (12)

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

All religions have some beliefs that are non-negotiable, that all its followers share. However, within religions the interpretation of the beliefs may differ from one school of thought to another. Sometimes these differences are major and have even led to religious wars.

[Source: *Shuters Top Class Religion Studies, Grade 12*]

Name TWO branches that exist within any ONE religion you have studied and tabulate their differences in terms of:

1.2.1 Governance (16)

1.2.2 Practices (12)
[50]



QUESTION 2

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Religious teachings can be in the form of written or oral texts and, as you have learned, they are the broadest category used to describe what adherents of a religion believe.

[Source: *Shuters Top Class Religion Studies, Grade 12*]

- 2.1 In the context of any ONE religion, answer the following questions.
- 2.1.1 What is the place and responsibility of humanity in the world? (12)
- 2.1.2 How can humanity overcome evil? (14)
- 2.2 Name and explain any THREE hermeneutical principles. (12)
- 2.3 Name any ONE religion and discuss the historical development of its sacred book(s). (12)
- [50]**

QUESTION 3

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

You might think that religion is universal and that all human beings are religious in one way or another. For many people, this is not the case. Some regard themselves as non-religious. Another way of referring to them is to say they hold a secular world view.

[Source: *Religion Studies, Grade 12, Stein et al.*]

- 3.1 Name ONE secular world view and discuss its origin. (12)
- 3.2 Critically evaluate the impact of secularism on the religious community. (12)
- 3.3 Briefly explain the Big Bang theory. (10)
- 3.4 With reference to any ONE Abrahamic religion, compare its teachings regarding the creation of man with the teachings of Darwin's theory of evolution. (16)
- [50]**



QUESTION 4

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

History is full of religious conflicts and even wars. Not all religious conflicts are, of course, wars. Sometimes the conflict is only verbal and does not involve any violence. Sometimes politicians use religion for their own political support.

[Adapted from *Religion Studies, Grade 12, Steyn et al.*]

- 4.1.1 Name ONE country in Africa where religion is possibly part of the conflict. (2)
- 4.1.2 Briefly explain the historical development of the conflict in the country you named in QUESTION 4.1. (10)
- 4.1.3 Discuss the role played by TWO religious organisations in resolving this conflict. (10)
- 4.2 Discuss FOUR possible reasons why South Africa has no armed religious conflict. (16)
- 4.3 In SIX sentences, explain how European domination in churches contributed to the formation of African Initiated Churches (AICs). (12)
- [50]**
- TOTAL: 150**

