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## Instructions

There are **three** sections in this paper.

Section A	120 marks	5 questions
Section B	120 marks	5 questions
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Answer all questions.

The questions do not all carry equal marks.

Write your answers in blue or black pen.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. There is space for extra work at the end of Section A, Section B and Section C in the booklet. Label any such extra work clearly with the question number and part.

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## Question 2

(a) People have different ways of marking events from the past ...



Imagine you are helping a friend to mark an event from the past that is important to them. State **one** ritual or symbol that could be used to mark a past event from a person's life and explain its meaning.

Life Event:
Ritual/Symbol:
Meaning:

(b) Give **one** reason why people use rituals or symbols to mark past events in their lives.


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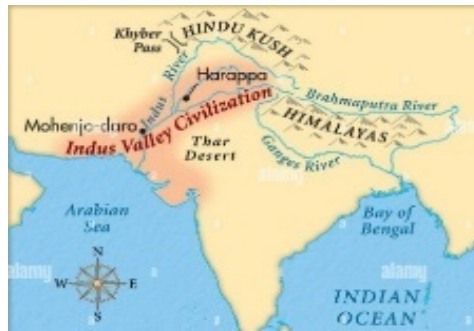

**Question 3**



**A** Bodh Gaya



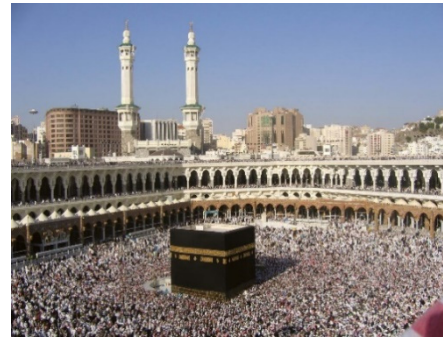
**B** Canaan



**C** Indus Valley



**D** Jerusalem



**E** Mecca

Match **one** of the places pictured above to the founding story of one religion from the following list: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam or Judaism.

Place (Write the letter below for a place given above)	Religion

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**Question 6**

(a)

What happens when we die?



Why are we born?  
How do we find true happiness?

Why do bad things happen to people?

Trace how the teaching of **one** of the following religions could influence a believer's answer to a question about the meaning of life: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam or Judaism.



Religion:
Question:
Answer:

(b) What does it mean to live a morally good life?  
Outline how this question would be answered from a non-religious point of view.


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**Question 7**

(a) Match **each** of the religious beliefs listed below to the religion with which they are most associated from the following list: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism.



Religious Beliefs	Religions
Moksha	
Resurrection	
The Covenant	
The Four Noble Truths	
The Shahada/ Shahadah	

(b) Describe an example of how a religious belief influences the day-to-day lives of members in **one** of the following religions:



Religion:
Religious Belief:
Influence:

**Question 8**

(a)



**A Cathedral**



**B Mandir**



**C Mosque**



**D Synagogue**



**E Vihara**

Match **one** of the buildings pictured above to the religion with which it is most associated from the following list: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam or Judaism.

Religious Building (Write the letter below for a building named above)	Religion

(b) Outline how the religious belief of members can be seen in a feature of a building where members of **one** of the following religions worship:



Buddhism



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam



Judaism

Religion:
Religious Building:

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**Question 9**

Read the reports below from people describing their reasons for visiting the river Ganges and answer the question that follows.

🕉 For me as a Hindu this is a sacred place and I travel here every year to bathe in the river. As I am getting into the river Ganges, I pray that I will be cleansed of my sins by the holy waters. Before leaving the Ganges I fill a small bottle with holy water to take home and share with friends who could not make the journey.



🕉 My uncle asked me to go to the river Ganges and scatter his ashes. As Hindus we believe that the Ganges represents life without end and scattering his ashes here would free his soul. So in keeping with his wishes, I sat by the river bank and recited passages from the Hindu Scriptures as I lowered his ashes into the water.



🕉 While visiting in this area, I saw hundreds of people gathered at the edge of the river. They were arranging brightly coloured flowers in holders around a small candle and placing them into the water. Some people were quietly saying prayers as they watched the candles floating down the river.

From your reading of the above reports complete the following sentences using the words from the box below. One sentence has been completed as an example for you.

Ashes   Candles   End   ~~Hindu Scriptures~~   Holy Waters

Hindus sit by the river reciting passages from the ... Hindu Scriptures
Hindus go to the river Ganges to scatter ...
The Ganges represents life without ...
People were quietly saying prayers as they watched the ...
Hindus believe that they will be cleansed of sins by the ...

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**Question 10**

- (a) The river Ganges is a place of worship for Hindus today.  
Describe an example of the way believers worship in **another** place in the world that is associated with **one** of the following religions:



Buddhism



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam



Judaism

Religion:
Place of Worship:

(b)



A Our Father/ Lord's Prayer



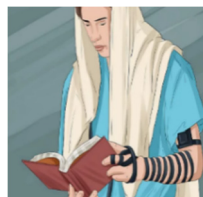
B Puja



C Refuge Prayer



D Salat



E Shema

Match **one** of the above examples of prayer to the religion with which it is most associated from the following list: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam or Judaism.

Prayer (Write the letter below for an example of prayer given above)	Religion

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**Question 13**

Read the account below and answer the question that follows.

On Remembrance Sunday in November 1987 Gordon Wilson and his daughter Marie were standing by a war memorial when a bomb exploded in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.

As they lay in the rubble of the buildings destroyed by the explosion Gordon tightly held the hand of his daughter Marie as she was dying. Later that evening while being interviewed on TV he asked that there should be no revenge for her death. He explained that he bore no ill will or grudge, as it was not going to bring his daughter back to life. Instead he said that he would pray every night for the people who had taken her life.



Explain how the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation in the world can be seen in the words and action of Gordon Wilson described above.


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