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**EXAMINATION PAPER**  
**13 + Academic Scholarship 2023**

**Religious Studies – General Paper**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**

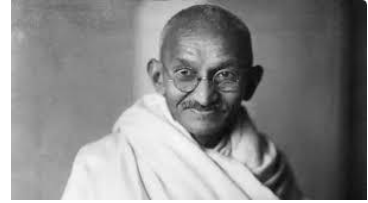
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**Instructions**

- Answer Section 1, and then **two** questions from Section 2
- You should answer all sections on a separate piece of paper.
- Answer on lined paper. Write your name clearly at the top of each sheet of paper that you use.
- Section 1: 20 marks
- Section 2: 20 marks (10 marks for each of the two essay questions)
- Total: 40 marks

## Section 1: Comprehension [20 marks]

Read the following quotations, all of which are from Mahatma Gandhi, an Indian political leader who was prominent in global politics throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and a Hindu.



- a) "You must be the change you want to see in the world."
- b) "There are many causes that I am prepared to die for, but no causes that I am prepared to kill for."
- c) "No human being is so bad as to be beyond redemption."
- d) "We may never be strong enough to be entirely nonviolent in thought, word and deed. But we must keep nonviolence as our goal and make strong progress towards it."
- e) "Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness, it is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart."
- f) "Religions are different roads converging to the same point. What does it matter that we take different roads, so long as we reach the same goal."
- g) "Man's supremacy over lower animals means not that the former should prey upon the latter, but that the higher should protect the lower."

1. Choose TWO of the quotes, and in your own words explain what they mean. You could use examples to illustrate your point. State the letter (a,b,c etc.) of the quotes you've chosen. [6 marks]
2. Explain how the life of any well-known religious person you have studied has had an effect on society and/or the religion they believed in. [7 marks]

3. “Religious people would do better to follow the words of their ancient Holy Book rather than those of a current leader”. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. *[7 marks]*

**Section 2: Essay writing** – Choose **TWO** questions from the following choice of FOUR:

4. Religious Texts

Explain why Jesus spoke parables to his followers. You should refer to two examples in your answer. *[10 Marks]*

5. Religion in the modern world

“The UK is no longer a Christian country, so Christmas should not be a public holiday”. Do you agree?

*[10 Marks]*

6. Worship

With reference to a religion you have studied, describe and explain what happens during any act of worship.

*[10 Marks]*

7. Ethics

“Religious people should refuse to fight in wars”. Do you agree? You can answer from the perspective of any particular religion, or religion in general.

*[10 Marks]*