



13+ Scholarship Examinations 2019

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- Answer both parts of the question in Section A
- Choose one question from Section B
- Spend 30 minutes on Section A and 30 minutes on Section B
- Write your name clearly on every sheet of paper

Section A

Read the extract below and then answer all the questions. You are not expected to have seen this passage before.

He told people that their sins were forgiven, and never waited to consult all the other people whom their sins had undoubtedly injured. He unhesitatingly behaved as if He was the party chiefly concerned, the person chiefly offended in all offences. This makes sense only if He really was the God whose laws are broken and whose love is wounded in every sin. In the mouth of any speaker who is not God, these words would imply what I can only regard as a silliness and conceit unrivalled by any other character in history.

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I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God." That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

Extract from *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis

- a) Outline and explain the argument(s) set out in the passage above. [8 marks]
- b) Write a response to this passage, challenging some or all of the elements of the argument. [12 marks]

Section B

Choose one essay from those listed below. You need to show that you have considered more than one point of view.

1. 'Churches should sell their paintings and give the money raised to good causes.' Discuss.
[20 marks]

2. 'In the UK the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. So, the UK is not a Christian country.' Assuming that the statement about economic inequality in the UK is true, how far would you agree with this claim?
[20 marks]

3. 'All is for the best in this best of all possible worlds.' To what extent do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing you have considered more than one point of view. You must refer to religion in your answer.
[20 marks]

4. Should you believe people when they say they have experienced a miracle?
[20 marks]

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- Answer both parts of the question in Section A.
- Choose one question from Section B.
- The total for both sections is 20 marks.
- Spend 30 minutes on Section A and 30 minutes on Section B.

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Section A

Read the extract below and then answer both parts of the question (a and b). You are not expected to have seen this passage before.

"We do not acknowledge allegiance to any human government. We recognize but one King and Lawgiver, one Judge and Ruler of mankind. Our country is the world, our countrymen are all mankind. We love the land of our nativity only as we love all other lands. The interests and rights of American citizens are not dearer to us than those of the whole human race. Hence we can allow no appeal to patriotism to revenge any national insult or injury....

"We conceive that a nation has no right to defend itself against foreign enemies or to punish its invaders, and no individual possesses that right in his own case ...

"We believe that the penal code of the old covenant—an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth—has been abrogated [done away with] by Jesus Christ, and that under the new covenant the forgiveness instead of the punishment of enemies has been enjoined on all his disciples in all cases whatsoever. To extort money from enemies, cast them into prison, exile or execute them, is obviously not to forgive but to take retribution.

"The history of mankind is crowded with evidences proving that physical coercion is not adapted to moral regeneration, and that the sinful dispositions of men can be subdued only by love; that evil can be exterminated only by good; that it is not safe to rely upon the strength of an arm to preserve us from harm; that there is great security in being gentle, long-suffering, and abundant in mercy; that it is only the meek who shall inherit the earth; for those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword.

"Hence as a measure of sound policy—of safety to property, life, and liberty—of public quietude and private enjoyment—as well as on the ground of allegiance to Him who is King of kings and Lord of lords, we cordially adopt the non-resistance principle, being confident that it provides for all possible consequences, is armed with omnipotent power, and must ultimately triumph over every assailing force.

Extract from 'Declaration of Sentiments' Adopted by the Peace Convention. Held in Boston, September 18, 19 & 20, 1838

- a) Outline and explain the argument set out in the passage above. [8 marks]
- b) Write a response to this passage, challenging some or all of the elements of the argument. [12 marks]

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13+ Scholarship Examinations 2022

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1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- Write your name here:
- Answer both parts of the question in Section A.
- Choose one question from Section B.
- The total for both sections in 20 marks.
- Spend 30 minutes on Section A and 30 minutes on Section B.

Section A

Read the extract below and then answer both parts of the question (a and b). You are not expected to have seen this passage before.

“God created things which had free will. That means creatures which can go wrong or right. Some people think they can imagine a creature which was free but had no possibility of going wrong, but I can't. If a thing is free to be good it's also free to be bad. And free will is what has made evil possible. Why, then, did God give them free will? Because free will, though it makes evil possible, is also the only thing that makes possible any love or goodness or joy worth having. A world of automata -of creatures that worked like machines- would hardly be worth creating. The happiness which God designs for His higher creatures is the happiness of being freely, voluntarily united to Him and to each other in an ecstasy of love and delight compared with which the most rapturous love between a man and a woman on this earth is mere milk and water. And for that they've got to be free.

Of course God knew what would happen if they used their freedom the wrong way: apparently, He thought it worth the risk. (...) If God thinks this state of war in the universe a price worth paying for free will -that is, for making a real world in which creatures can do real good or harm and something of real importance can happen, instead of a toy world which only moves when He pulls the strings- then we may take it it is worth paying.”

— C.S. Lewis, *The Case for Christianity*

- a) Outline and explain the argument set out in the passage above. [8 marks]
- b) Write a response to this passage, challenging some or all of the elements of the argument. [12 marks]

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Section B

Choose one essay from those listed below.

You need to show that you have considered more than one point of view.

1. 'Since no one can know their religion is the true one, no one should try to convert anyone else to their religion' Assess this claim. [20 marks]

2. 'It's better to be a good person than it is to be a happy person.' Assess this claim. [20 marks]

3. 'It is dangerous to look to the Bible/Qur'an/Torah to try to discover what is morally right.' Assess this claim. [20 marks]

4. 'People shouldn't get married.' Assess this claim. [20 marks]

Write the number of the question you are answering.

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