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## **SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS/ NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS**

**RELIGION STUDIES P2**

**MAY/JUNE 2024**

**MARKS: 150**

**TIME: 2 hours**

**This question paper consists of 6 pages.**

## **INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of FIVE 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**

Read the article below and answer the questions that follow.

**MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE**

In 2018, MaMkhize, as she's affectionately known to her millions of social media followers, and husband Mpisane hit the headlines, becoming the newspapers' fodder after it emerged the duo was going through a divorce.

'I honestly believed we had a great marriage despite occasional turbulences. When we celebrated that epic 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our marriage in 2011, I still believed I was joyful in my marriage. That's the reason it took me 25 years to realise there was only one benefactor and one beneficiary in this imagined romance. He was the one lavished with all the love to his heart's content.'

The Durban-based business and IT couple's marriage was at the time dogged by allegations of infidelity on the part of Mpisane.

[Adapted from *Sunday World*, 11 September 2022]

- 1.1 Name and discuss SIX causes of divorce in marriage. (12)
  - 1.2 Briefly explain why divorce is a major concern in society. (14)
  - 1.3 With reference to any ONE religion you have studied, discuss its relevant teachings about marriage and divorce. (12)
  - 1.4 Discuss practical strategies that religious communities can use to overcome the problem of divorce. (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 they are the broadest category used to describe what adherents of a religion believe.

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

- 2.1 Discuss the central teachings of any ONE religion you studied, under the following headings:
- 2.1.1 The relationship between the community and the individual (10)
- 2.1.2 The nature of the world as it is explained in the religion's central teachings (10)
- 2.2 Compare the role of sacred texts in Abrahamic and non-Abrahamic religions. (12)
- 2.3 What is the role of inspiration in African Traditional Religion? (10)
- 2.4 Name and discuss any TWO hermeneutical principles relevant to the interpretation of sacred texts. (8)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 3**

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

**ORGANISATIONS PROMOTING INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE**

The first Parliament of the World's Religions was held in 1893 in Chicago in the United States, with the aim of creating a global dialogue of faiths. Since that event there have been several further Parliaments.

The African Council of Religious Leaders – Religions for Peace (ACRL-RfP) was also founded in 2002 and is the largest and most representative multi-religious platform in Africa.

[Source: *Focus on Religion Studies, Grade 12*]

3.1.1 Explain how the World Parliament of Religions succeeded in promoting interreligious dialogue to fight global social challenges. (12)

3.1.2 The African Council of Religious Leaders – Religions for Peace (ACRL-RfP) is one of the organisations that promote interreligious dialogue in Africa, with the aim of avoiding religious conflict. State the guiding principles of this organisation. (10)

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

Within most religions, interpretations of beliefs may differ from one school of thought to another. Sometimes these differences are major and have even led to religious wars; sometimes they are minor.

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

3.2.1 Name TWO branches that exist within any ONE religion you have studied. (4)

3.2.2 Discuss the internal differences of the branches you named in QUESTION 3.2.1 above, under the following headings:

(a) Teachings (12)

(b) Governance (12)

**[50]**

**QUESTION 4**

Read the statement below and answer the questions that follow.

Today there are many people who hold a secular world view. In other words, they do not hold a particular religious belief or belong to a religious community.

[Source: *Focus on Religion Studies, Grade 12*]

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| 4.1 | Discuss the historical origin of Western secular thinking.                                      | (12)                |
| 4.2 | Name ONE secular world view and discuss its teachings.  | (12)                |
| 4.3 | Elaborate on the positive contributions that secularism has made to religions.                  | (14)                |
| 4.4 | How did secularism influence religious freedom in democratic South Africa, that is, after 1994? | (12)<br><b>[50]</b> |

**QUESTION 5**

Read the statement below and answer the questions that follow.

The difficulties between religion and science have emerged only in the last four centuries.

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

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| 5.1   | Explain Charles Darwin's theory of evolution:   | (12)                |
| 5.2   | From each group of religions below, critically evaluate the response of ONE religion to Darwin's theory of evolution. |                     |
| 5.2.1 | Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity or Islam)  | (12)                |
| 5.2.2 | Eastern religions (Hinduism or Buddhism)  | (12)                |
| 5.3   | Discuss the relationship between the Big Bang theory and teachings of Taoism regarding creation.                      | (14)<br><b>[50]</b> |

**TOTAL: 150**