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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**0490/02**

Paper 2

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**1 hour 45 minutes**

Additional Materials:      Answer Booklet/Paper

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer any **three** questions.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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Answer **all** parts of any **three** of the questions.

- 1 *'It is not really important for believers to worship together, they can just as well pray to God by themselves at home.'*
  - (a) For **each** of Christianity and Islam, describe what is done at the main weekly service of public worship. [10]
  - (b) Explain the importance of public worship for believers. [15]
  
- 2 *'Even though you are too young to know what is happening, going through a religious ceremony after you are born makes a difference to the rest of your life.'*
  - (a) For **each** of Christianity and Judaism, describe the religious ceremonies which celebrate the birth of a baby. [10]
  - (b) Explain the importance of their birth ceremonies for followers of these two religions. [15]
  
- 3 *'Having a religious wedding is pointless in the modern world where couples can just live together without getting married.'*
  - (a) Describe a religious marriage ceremony in **each** of Christianity and Islam. [10]
  - (b) Explain why Christians and Muslims might think a religious wedding is important. [15]
  
- 4 *'Going on a pilgrimage makes a real difference to a person's religious life.'*
  - (a) For **each** of Islam and Judaism, describe **one** place where believers might go on a journey for religious reasons and what they would do there. [10]
  - (b) Explain why making a journey for religious reasons might be important for Muslims and Jews. [15]
  
- 5 *'Holy books are absolutely central to the life of a religious person.'*
  - (a) Describe the various types of literature contained in the Jewish Bible **and** Christian Bible. [10]
  - (b) Explain how these religions show respect towards their holy books. [15]

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