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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 **both** parts of any **three** of the questions.

- 1 *'Everyone should spend time thinking about how to become a better person.'*
  - (a) Describe how Muslims observe Ramadan and how Jews observe Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement). [10]
  - (b) Explain why these times are important for Muslims and Jews. [15]
  
- 2 *'Religious leaders have an important part to play in the life of the community.'*
  - (a) For **both** Christianity **and** Islam, describe the work of religious leaders in the local community. [10]
  - (b) Explain why Christians and Muslims think it is important to care for members of their communities. [15]
  
- 3 *'Prayer is an essential part of religious life.'*
  - (a) For **both** Christianity **and** Judaism, describe what might be said and done during prayer. [10]
  - (b) Explain why prayer is important for Christians and Jews. [15]
  
- 4 *'All members of a religion should share the same beliefs and practices.'*
  - (a) Describe the different groups (divisions) in Islam, and the different groups (divisions) in Judaism. [10]
  - (b) Explain why Islam and Judaism have become divided into different groups. [15]
  
- 5 *'It is important for young people to make their own decisions about faith as they grow up.'*
  - (a) Describe the celebration of first communion in Christianity, and the celebration of Bar Mitzvah in Judaism. [10]
  - (b) Explain why these ceremonies are important for Christians and Jews. [15]

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