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**GRADE 12**

**RELIGION STUDIES P2  
FEBRUARY/MARCH 2010**

**MARKS: 150**

**TIME: 2 hours**

**This question paper consists of 4 pages.**

## **INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of FIVE questions.
2. Answer any THREE questions.
3. Read ALL the questions carefully.
4. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

**QUESTION 1**

- 1.1 Discuss the core teachings of any ONE religion under the following headings:
- 1.1.1 The nature of divinity (10)
  - 1.1.2 The nature of humanity, with reference to community and the individual (10)
  - 1.1.3 The origin and nature of evil (10)
  - 1.1.4 Life after death (10)
- 1.2 List the hermeneutical principles that apply to the normative sources of the ONE religion you have chosen. (10)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 2**

South Africa's unacceptably high crime rate is of major concern to all law-abiding citizens.

What can religious organisations do to address this problem? Discuss your answer under the following headings:

- 2.1 The impact of the problem (6)
  - 2.2 The viewpoints of any TWO religions on the issue of crime (10 x 2) (20)
  - 2.3. Practical steps that religious organisations can take to address the problem (14)
  - 2.4 Conclusion and personal view on the issue (10)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 

'Science without religion is lame, and religion without science is blind.'

– Albert Einstein, scientist and philosopher

Discuss the above statement in terms of the historical relationship between religion and science. (30)

- 3.2 There are many religious theories of creation. Compare ONE Eastern religious view (Hinduism, Buddhism, et cetera) with ONE Middle Eastern view (Islam, Christianity, Judaism) of creation. (20)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 4**

'There will be no peace among the nations without peace among the religions. There will be no peace among the religions without dialogue among the religions.'

– Dr Hans Kung, Professor of Ecumenical Theology

In the context of the above statement, briefly discuss interreligious relations under the following subheadings:

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| 4.1 | The historical relationship between different religions              | (10)        |
| 4.2 | The development of interreligious dialogue                           | (20)        |
| 4.3 | The situation between religions in today's world as a global village | (20)        |
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**QUESTION 5**

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| 5.1 | Compare and contrast the normative sources of any TWO religions. Your answer must include both oral tradition as well as sacred texts for each of the religions you choose. | (30)        |
| 5.2 | With reference to any ONE religion, discuss the nature of the world, and explain how it is related to the core beliefs of that religion.                                    | (20)        |
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**TOTAL: 150**