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TIME: 2 hours

This question paper consists of 5 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.

CRIME AND CORRUPTION

South Africa faces issues with entrenched corruption and organised crime, both having a corrosive effect on governance and economic growth. Despite progress under Nelson Mandela, state capture and corruption under the Zuma administration have precipitated an explosion in organised crime. Moreover, South Africa has become home to some of the most diversified crime syndicates in the world. These syndicates have connections to transnational criminal networks, traffic in people, guns, drugs and minerals. They also traffic copper and oil stolen – often with complicity – from South African SOEs (state-owned enterprises). These groups extort businesses, leading to the cancellation of contracts, as well as employment and economic losses. The current Ramaphosa administration has taken several genuine, however limited, steps in tackling corruption and crime.

[Source: *Grey Dynamics, Articles Crime Intel*, 16 November 2022]

- 1.1 In your own words, explain the link between *crime* and *corruption*. (6)
- 1.2 How do crime and corruption affect service delivery in our communities? (12)
- 1.3 Give FIVE possible reasons why there is a high level of corruption in the public sector. (10)
- 1.4 With reference to any ONE religion you have studied, discuss its teachings regarding crime and corruption. (10)
- 1.5 Suggest practical strategies that religious communities can use to combat crime and corruption in South Africa. (12)
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QUESTION 2

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

All religions have a set of beliefs about the nature of humanity, the world, the divine, creation and other parts of our lives. Such broad beliefs are referred to as religious teachings. Religious teachings can be in the form of written or oral texts.

[Adapted from *Shuters Top Class Religion Studies, Grade 12*]

- 2.1 With reference to any ONE religion you have studied, answer the following:
- 2.1.1 Discuss life after death. (12)
- 2.1.2 Discuss the nature of divinity. (12)
- 2.2 Name and explain THREE hermeneutical principles. (12)
- 2.3 What are the various roles that oral tradition plays in different religions? (14)
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QUESTION 3

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

While every religion has 'non-negotiable' beliefs, there are bound to be differences of interpretation and practice.

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

- 3.1 With reference to any ONE religion you have studied, answer the following questions:
- 3.1.1 Name TWO branches of this religion. (4)
- 3.1.2 Compare the differences in the teachings of each branch. (12)
- 3.1.3 Compare the differences in the practices of each branch. (12)
- 3.2 Analyse the positive and negative consequences of internal differences that exist within religions. (12)
- 3.3 Discuss the origin of sacred texts in any ONE religion. (10)
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QUESTION 4

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

When considering the relationship between religion and the natural sciences, it is important to remember that science is something human beings have done in all cultures for centuries; and so is religion. Religious festivals celebrated the summer and winter solstices in many cultures.

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

- 4.1 Tabulate the differences between Darwin's theory of evolution and any ONE of the Abrahamic religions' version of creation. (16)
- 4.2 Explain why Hinduism has no problem with Darwin's theory of evolution. (12)
- 4.3 What is the response of Taoism to the Big Bang theory? (10)
- 4.4 Discuss the impact of the Big Bang theory on the church. (12)
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QUESTION 5

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

Today there are many people who hold a secular world view. They do not hold a particular religious belief or belong to a religious community. This does not mean that the people who hold a secular world view are not religious or spiritual.

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

- 5.1.1 Compare the teachings of any ONE secular world view with the teachings of any ONE religion you have studied. (16)
- 5.1.2 Critically evaluate the impact of secularism on the moral values of society. (14)
- 5.2 Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Interfaith cooperation can be, should be, has been and, in some instances, still is a positive thing. The problems and concerns that arise cannot be dealt with by any one national or religious group. Religious organisations are now working together in South Africa and in the whole of Africa. These organisations have been established to try and develop cordial relationships between religions in Africa – one of them is Interfaith Action for Peace in Africa (IFAPA).

[Adapted from *Shuters Top Class Religion Studies, Grade 12*]

- 5.2.1 State FIVE achievements of IFAPA. (10)
- 5.2.2 When humanitarian crises erupt, religious adherents set aside their differences and find one another in a common response. Briefly discuss THREE examples of interreligious cooperation in South Africa. (10)

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