RELIGION STUDIES

Dear Grade 12 Religion Studies learner

Religion Studies is aimed at developing and reflecting upon our lives and in this, allows us to live our best lives. RS leads to the recognition, understanding and appreciation of a variety of religions within a common humanity, in the context of delivering well rounded positive, contributing members of society.

Subject Requirements

- Textbook, workbooks

Content Checklist

Below is a summary of the content that you will study in Religion Studies. Make sure that you include all the topics below in your revision programme.

1. Variety of Religions

- Concepts: identity, uniqueness, unity, similarity, difference and comparability as far as religion is concerned
- Internal differences in a number of religions
- Unique features of various religions
- Inter-religious relationships in South Africa, Africa and international communities

2. Common features of religion as a generic and unique phenomenon

- The roles of teaching in a variety of religions
- The central teachings of **one** religion
- Oral, written and contemporary sources in several religions
- Normative sources or traditions in **one** religion
- Secular world views

3. Topical issues in society

- Religious freedom, human rights and responsibilities in different religions
- Strategies to seek solutions to major social problems
- The role of the media with reference to Religion

4. Research into and across religions

- Religions in areas of recent conflict in South Africa, Africa and across the world: identify and analyse two or three areas of recent conflict. Determine whether religion is part of the problem or of the solution (The role of religion in Africa and globally)
- Religion and the natural sciences: examine the relationship between religion and the natural sciences with reference to views of creation and evolution
- Specialisation in one religion

Assessment

Assessment of Religion Studies consists of two parts:

School-based assessment makes up 25% of the total. This includes:

- 1 test — **300 marks**
- 2 Examinations June + Sept — **(150 X 2) 300 marks each**
- 2 written tasks
  - Source Based — **100 marks**
  - Project — **100 marks**

The final external examination makes up 75% of the total

- This examination comprises of 2 X 2 hours examination papers i.e. **2 X 150 = 300 marks**

Topics to be cover in each question paper	
Grade 12 Paper 1 (150 marks)	**Grade 12 Paper 2 (150 marks)**
Answer 3 questions. Question 1: Compulsory Choose 2 from section B	Answer 3 questions
Conceptual distinctions; Appreciation of the uniqueness of various religion Religious teachings	The section on Topical Issues in society will cover a range of relevant themes. The specific topic to be assessed will be confirmed and guided by the official Examination Guidelines.
Religious freedom, human rights, and responsibility.	The central teachings in one religion (with specialisation in ONE religion)
Media coverage on public issues that have religious implications	The role of rituals in religion.
Religion in areas of recent conflict in SA • Analyse the situation • In what ways is religion part of the problem? • In what ways is religion part of the solution?	History and present-day dynamics of interreligious relationships in South Africa as well as in the international community
	Normative sources in various religions
	Hermeneutical principles: Ways of interpreting normative sources
	Religion and the sciences
	Analysis of at least TWO secular world views: atheism, agnosticism, humanism, and materialism.

Tips for Success

- Religion Studies comprises of a lot of self-study. Read as many sources as possible and keep abreast of current news in the subject.
- For the examinations you should focus on interrogating a range of sources to be able to compare different religions, and analyse and interpret generic issues pertaining to religions.
- Make sure that you can apply your knowledge of Religion Studies to case studies or exemplars used in the question papers.

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Religion Studies Overview

RS Revision Booklet Gr 12 Term 1&2

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