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MARKS: 150

TIME: 2 hours

This question paper consists of 4 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of FOUR 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. The length of your answers must be in accordance with the marks allocated to each question.
6. Write neatly and legibly.

QUESTION 1

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

ABORTION AS A SOCIAL PROBLEM

Of the nearly 50 million abortions carried out in the world today, 20 million are unsafe, illegal and carried out by unqualified persons. Nearly all of these unsafe abortions take place in developing countries where abortion is restricted by law. Some 70 000 women die as a result of unsafe abortions each year.

[World Health Organisation Statistics, 2000]

- 1.1 Explain the conditions under which the law can allow abortions. (10)
- 1.2 Analyse the negative effects of abortion on a woman who has terminated her pregnancy. (10)
- 1.3 Discuss the teachings of any ONE religion that refer to the issue of abortion. (16)
- 1.4 Outline practical steps religious communities can take to address the problems around abortion. (14)
- [50]**

QUESTION 2

- 2.1 Discuss the central teachings of any ONE religion under the following headings:
- 2.1.1 The origin and role of evil (10)
- 2.1.2 The nature of the world (10)
- 2.1.3 Life after death (10)
- 2.2 Compare the Big Bang Theory with the teachings of creation of any ONE religion. (20)
- [50]**

QUESTION 3

- 3.1 All religions display a number of internal differences. Discuss the internal differences within any ONE religion under the following headings:
- 3.1.1 Governance (14)
- 3.1.2 Practices (16)
- 3.2 Discuss the origin and development of any ONE religion's primary sources, such as their sacred book or books. (20)
- [50]**

QUESTION 4

- 4.1 Discuss the differences between *divine inspiration* and *contemporary inspiration*. (10)
- 4.2 State any FIVE hermeneutical principles that can be used in the interpretation of sacred texts. (10)
- 4.3 Do you think secularism is gaining popularity in the world? Give reasons for your answer. (10)
- 4.4 Compare the teachings on the origin of man of any ONE religion with the theory of evolution. (20)
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