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Paper 2: Structured Questions**Sample paper****2 hour**

It is necessary to respond on the answer sheets provided alongside this question paper. No additional material is required.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- You must write your name, candidate number, centre name and centre number on the answer sheets in the designated spaces.
- Attempt all the questions using a dark blue or black pen.
- It is important to follow the instructions provided on the answer sheets.
- Do not use erasable pen, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.
- Avoid writing on any bar codes.

INFORMATION:

- This paper has two sections and a total of 50 marks.
- Each part of question carries 5 marks.

Section A

Answer all the questions from this section

- Q1 The spread of Buddhism across Asia was influenced by various cultural and historical factors, including the support of rulers and the establishment of monastic communities. State the key factors that contributed to the spread of Buddhism. [5 marks]
- Q2. Christianity underwent significant transformations during the Reformation, leading to changes in religious practices and beliefs. Summarise the key outcomes of the Reformation with respect to this transformation. [5 marks]
- Q3. The early Islamic community faced numerous challenges, including internal conflicts and external threats. Examine the impact of the Rashidun Caliphate's expansion on the political and religious consolidation of the Muslim world. [5 marks]
- Q4. The concept of dharma in Hinduism is central to understanding the ethical responsibilities of individuals in society. Discuss how dharma influences social roles and duties in the context of contemporary Indian society. [5 marks]
- Q5. The Catholic Church has a rich tradition of rituals and practices that play a vital role in the lives of its followers. Describe the significance of the Eucharist in Catholic worship. [5 marks]

Section B

Answer all the questions from this section

- Q1. Sikhism's response to social justice issues has been shaped by its emphasis on equality and community service. Explain the role of Sikh teachings in addressing contemporary social issues. [5 marks]
- Q2. Religious pluralism presents both challenges and opportunities in a multicultural society. Discuss how interfaith dialogue contributes to promoting ethical coexistence in a diverse society. [5 marks]
- Q3. Hindu festivals are deeply embedded in the religious and cultural fabric of Indian society. Explore the impact of Diwali on Hindu communities. [5 marks]
- Q4. Different religions offer various perspectives on ethical issues such as war and peace. Compare the foundational views of Christianity and Islam on just war theory. [5 marks]
- Q5. Philosophical arguments for the existence of God have been central to religious debates for centuries. Examine the strengths and weaknesses of the ontological argument for the existence of God. [5 marks]