

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL



YEAR 9 (13+) SCHOLARSHIP

May 2019
for entry in September 2019

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Your Name: _____

Your School: _____

Time allowed: 40 minutes

Equipment needed: Pen, pencil, lined paper, eraser.

Information for candidates:

1. Write your name and school on this page.
2. Write your answers on the **separate paper** provided.
Please put your name on all the sheets of paper you use.
3. Answer **one** question from section A and **one** question from section B.
4. The paper will be marked out of 30. The marks for each question or part question are indicated in square brackets [].

SECTION A

Answer one question in this section. Each question is worth 15 marks.

Either

1. Old Testament - Moses

- a) What is the covenant? [2 marks]
- b) According to Genesis, God sent down the 10 Plagues to convince the Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. State what the first 9 Plagues were and explain why you think that they were chosen. [5 marks]
- c) The 10th Plague was the death of the first born Egyptian children. Who do you think was to blame for this? Justify your response by giving specific reasons. [8 marks]

Or

2. New Testament – Jesus’ Teachings

- a) What is a parable? [2 marks]
- b) Choose one of Jesus’ parables. Explain the meaning and importance of its message [5 marks]
- c) In Matthew Jesus tells his followers, “It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God.” Explain why some would agree and disagree with this statement. Justify your response by giving specific reasons. [8 marks]

SECTION B

Answer one question in this section. Each question is worth 15 marks.

Either

- 1. Albert Einstein said, “If people are good only because they fear punishment, and hope for reward, then we are a sorry lot indeed.”
What do you think that he meant by this and to what extent do you agree? Consider both sides of the argument and refer to specific examples to help you. [15 marks]

Or

- 2. Napoleon Bonaparte stated that “Religion is what keeps the poor from murdering the rich.” What do you think that he meant by this and to what extent do you agree? Consider both sides of the argument and refer to specific examples to help you. [15 marks]