

International General Certificate of Secondary Education  
CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
PAPER 2

**0490/2**

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER SESSION 2002**

1 hour 45 minutes

Additional materials:  
Answer paper

**TIME** 1 hour 45 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper/answer booklet.

Answer any **three** questions.

Write your answers on the separate answer paper provided.

If you use more than one sheet of paper, fasten the sheets together.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

Answer **all** parts of **three** of the questions.

- 1 *'Going through a religious ceremony when you are born makes no difference to the rest of your life.'*
- (a) Describe the birth ceremonies of **two** of the religions which you have studied. [10]
- (b) Explain the importance which followers of these two religions attach to their birth ceremonies. [15]
- 2 *'Religious leaders are unnecessary; ordinary people can do the job themselves.'*
- (a) What are the main rôles of religious leaders in the religions which you have studied? [10]
- (b) Explain why religious leaders are thought to be important in these religions. [15]
- 3 *'Festivals are really an excuse for a party, not a religious event.'*
- (a) Describe a festival and the way in which it is celebrated in **two** of Christianity, Islam and Judaism. [10]
- (b) Explain why festivals are a very important part of religious life for many Christians, Muslims and Jews. [15]
- 4 *'People need to be together to worship; you cannot do it on your own.'*
- (a) Describe private and public worship in **two** of Christianity, Islam and Judaism. [10]
- (b) For **each** of the three religions, Christianity, Islam and Judaism, explain why public worship is important. [15]
- 5 *'Religions must change with the times.'*
- (a) Describe a situation in **one** of Christianity, Islam or Judaism where some people have wanted to bring the religion up-to-date and others have not. [10]
- (b) Explain the reasons which people might give to support this argument or disagree with it. [15]