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Time allowed: Three hours
Total score: 24

QUESTION BOOKLET

There are TWO questions in this booklet. Answer ONE question.

Write your answers in Answer Booklet 93603A.

Check that this booklet has pages 2 and 3 in the correct order and that neither of these pages is blank.

YOU MAY KEEP THIS BOOKLET AT THE END OF THE EXAMINATION.

DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND EQUITY IN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

INSTRUCTIONS

Write an essay about diversity, inclusion, and equity in religious traditions, in response to ONE of the questions below.

Plan and write your response in Answer Booklet 93603A.

EITHER: QUESTION ONE

– Adapted from Article 2, Universal Declaration of Human Rights

– Dr Asma Abdullah, interculturalist

There has been dispute, in both secular and religious groups, about the establishment and enforceability of guidelines and practices around diversity, inclusion, and equity.

What is the nature of the dispute about the demands of diversity, inclusion, and equity in the religious tradition(s) you have studied? Evaluate the tradition's responses to such demands, particularly in terms of its own principles and measures of accountability.

OR: QUESTION TWO

– Dr Martin Luther King Jr, Baptist minister and civil rights leader

– George Bernard Shaw

There has often been dispute within religious traditions about whether certain beliefs and practices might need to be changed in order for the tradition to maintain its authenticity and relevance.

What kinds of changes have been or could be introduced in the religious tradition(s) you have studied? Evaluate the responses of voices from within the tradition(s) to the calls to honour diversity, inclusion, and equity.

Acknowledgements

Material from the following sources has been adapted for use in this assessment:

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First quote: <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights#:~:text=Article%202,property%2C%20birth%20or%20other%20status>

Second quote: <https://www.culturalimpact.org/post/my-awakening-through-diversity-unity-and-peace-1#:~:text=Diversity%20is%20projected%20by%20the,Alhamdullillah>

Third quote: King, M L, (1963), *Strength to Love*, Collins.

Fourth quote: https://www.azquotes.com/author/13418-George_Bernard_Shaw/tag/sin

