



TONBRIDGE SCHOOL

Scholarship Examination 2018

Divinity

**Tuesday, 1st May 2018
2.00 pm**

Time allowed: 1 hour

*Answer all the questions in Section A and
one question from each of Sections B and C.*

Total marks: 75

All sections carry equal marks.

*Begin each section on a separate sheet of paper
with your name at the top.*

Section A

Read the extract below; answer **ALL** the questions that follow it.

Non-believers turn to prayer in a crisis, poll finds

For many non-believers, it is an instinctive response to a crisis: "Please, God." So perhaps it should not be surprising that a new survey has found that one in five adults pray despite saying they are not religious. Just over half of all adults in the UK pray, and they are increasingly likely to call on God while engaged in activities such as cooking or exercising, according to the poll. Although one in three people pray in a place of worship, and a third pray before going to sleep or on waking, others combine prayer with daily activities. One in five pray while doing household chores or cooking, 15% pray while travelling, and 12% pray during exercise or other leisure pursuits.

Just under half of those who pray said they believed God hears their prayers, which suggests a slim majority feel their supplications are not answered. Four in ten go further, saying prayer changes the world; a similar number say it makes them feel better...

Rachel Treweek, bishop of Gloucester, said: "We should not be surprised by these recent findings, which reflect human longing for the mystery and love of God amid experiences of daily life."

(Harriet Sherwood - The Guardian 14 January 2018)

1. Outline the findings of the recent survey on prayer. [10]
2. Explain why non-religious people might pray. [10]
3. 'God should not listen to the prayers of non-believers.' Do you agree? [5]

[Total for section A: 25 marks]

Section B

Old & New Testament Set Texts

*Answer **ONE** question. Each question has two parts.*

1. a) Outline differences between the two Creation accounts in Genesis 1 and Genesis 2. [10]
b) 'The Genesis creation stories are incompatible with scientific theories about the origins of the universe.' Do you agree? [15]

2. a) Outline the story of David and Bathsheba. [10]
b) 'David was a monster, not a role model.' Do you agree? [15]

3. a) Describe what happened when Jesus calmed the storm. [10]
b) 'Jesus chose the wrong people to be his disciples.' Do you agree? [15]

4. a) Describe Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene after the resurrection. [10]
b) 'The resurrection must be true, otherwise Christianity would not exist.' Do you agree? [15]

[Total for section B: 25 marks]

Section C

General

Choose **ONE** question. Think carefully about the arguments for and against the statement and how you structure your answer.

1. 'Rich people do not need religion.' Do you agree? [25]

2. 'Torture is always wrong.' Do you agree? [25]

3. 'The pursuit of pleasure is what life is all about.' Do you agree? [25]

4. 'Human rights are now more important than the Ten Commandments.'
Do you agree? [25]

[Total for section C: 25 marks]

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