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RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

INSTRUCTIONS

Write an essay about religious diversity in response to ONE of the questions below.

Space for planning is provided on page 4 of this booklet. Begin your answer on page 5.

EITHER: QUESTION ONE

"Bless our beautiful land, O Lord, with its wonderful variety of people, of races, cultures and languages. May we be a nation of … peace and unity, of compassion, caring and sharing." (Archbishop Desmond Tutu)

"… [Islam] recognizes all [people] as believers. It accepts all human beings as equal before God, and as equal members in the Human Family of Mankind." (Malcolm X)

There are many passages from the sacred texts and other authoritative sources of the world's religions that can be interpreted to support inter-religious harmony and 'love of your neighbours'. Why then might some groups, both religious and secular, have difficulty finding commonality and harmonious coexistence?

Examine this question in light of the knowledge and insights you have gained from studying religious diversity.

OR: QUESTION TWO

"I truly believe the only way we can create global peace is through not only educating our minds, but our hearts and souls." (Malala Yousafzai)

"It is time to break these habits of hate and create new habits: habits of the heart that will awake within us the causeless love of redemption and peace." (Rabbi Rami Shapiro)

It might be argued that it is both challenging and fulfilling enough for a person to find their own purpose and life direction within their own faith tradition. Is it possible for a person to come to appreciate and live alongside people from other faith traditions without threat or compromise to their own faith?

Examine this question in light of the knowledge and insights you have gained from studying religious diversity.

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PLANNING

Select (✔) ONE essay question to answer.

☐ Question One ☐ Question Two

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