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Religion, Politics and Society in the Modern World

Time allowed: ONE hour THIRTY minutes

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Answer TWO questions in total, ONE from each of TWO different sections.
Section ONE

1. What impact did the ending of European empire have on the resurgence of Islam in the late twentieth century?

2. With reference to the global jihad movement, consider how religious beliefs are used to confer legitimacy on the use of political violence.

Section TWO

3. What do you make of the claim that the civil rights movement in the USA was a religious movement?

4. What does the emergence of liberation theology in Latin America tell us about the relationship between Christianity and revolutionary politics?

Section THREE

5. How does religion impact on development in India?

6. To what extent could the bhikkhuni ordination in Thailand improve women’s opportunities and wellbeing?