



## ADVANCED GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Connections in Religious Studies (Routes B, G, H, N, R, V)

# 2795

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

### OCR Supplied Materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet

### Other Materials Required:

None

**Thursday 17 June 2010  
Morning**

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes



### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions, both chosen from the Route for which you have been prepared.
- Do **not** answer questions from more than one Route.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the Answer Booklet.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- Each question carries 60 marks.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **120**.
- The quality of your written communication will be taken into account.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **two** questions, both chosen from the Route for which you have been prepared.

Do **not** answer questions from more than one Route.

### **Route B Philosophy of Religion with Jewish Scriptures**

- 1 'Neither the Book of Job nor the theodicy of Irenaeus offers a credible answer to the problem of evil and suffering.' Discuss.
- 2 'Religious language must always be symbolic and can not be interpreted literally.' Discuss with reference to the texts you have studied from the Jewish Scriptures.
- 3 To what extent do the Jewish Scriptures show that there are common elements to religious experience?

### **Route G Philosophy of Religion with Judaism**

- 4 'Post-Holocaust theology is unable to reconcile the problem of evil and suffering with belief in G-d.' Discuss.
- 5 'The authority of the Scriptures is binding on all Jews in every generation.' Discuss.
- 6 'In Judaism, the great variety of religious experiences casts doubt on their validity.' Discuss.

### **Route H Religious Ethics with Jewish Scriptures**

- 7 'The Jewish Scriptures are of little use when it comes to dealing with issues of modern medical ethics.' Discuss.
- 8 'The Jewish Scriptures show that when it comes to making moral decisions, people are not really free to choose.' Discuss.
- 9 To what extent do the Jewish Scriptures make clear that the Law is absolute?

### **Route N Religious Ethics with Judaism**

- 10** 'If G-d knows before people are born all that they will do in their lifetime, how can they have freedom of choice?' Discuss with reference to Judaism.
- 11** 'From the standpoint of ethical monotheism, the source of the conscience can only be G-d.' Discuss.
- 12** 'Jewish teachings about sexual ethics are better than other ethical approaches.' Discuss.

### **Route R Jewish Scriptures with Judaism**

- 13** 'The significant difference between Jewish groups is to be found in their approach to the Torah.' Discuss.
- 14** 'Neither the Book of Job nor post-Holocaust theologies offer a credible answer to the problem of innocent suffering.' Discuss.
- 15** 'The present-day state of Israel is an integral part of G-d's covenant with the Jewish people.' Discuss.

### **Route V Islam with Judaism**

- 16** 'The Qur'an has the same significance for a Muslim that the Torah has for a Jew.' Discuss.
- 17** 'In both Judaism and Islam, the main divisions do not differ on issues of key theological significance.' Discuss.
- 18** To what extent are Jewish and Muslim attitudes to war the same?

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