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RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 1a

An Introduction to Christianity

P.M. THURSDAY, 8 June 2006

(1 hour)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry 20 marks. The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all questions.

Answer **Question 1** and **one other question**.

1.

Most people are aware that Christmas is a Christian festival. Christian believers observe customs at this time that express their faith. Even those who do not believe in the story of Jesus' birth often join in to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas.

- (a) Explain in what ways *Christmas is a Christian festival*. [10]
- (b) Explain how non-Christians can *join in to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas*. [10]

2. (a) Explain Calvin's view of the sacraments. [10]
- (b) 'Calvin was the most extreme of the Reformers in his view of the sacraments.' Assess this statement. [10]

3. (a) Explain the main features of charismatic worship. [10]
- (b) 'Charismatic worship is not worship at all. It is simply a matter of having fun.' Assess this view. [10]