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RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 3a

An Introduction to Religion and Ethics

P.M. THURSDAY, 8 June 2006

(1 hour)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 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.

According to Situation Ethics, there is no set of moral rules that applies to all. What is right and wrong depends on the situation, culture and beliefs of the people involved.

- (a) Outline the principles of the ethical theory mentioned above. [10]
- (b) Explain the strengths and weaknesses of this theory from the viewpoint of a religious believer. [10]
2. (a) Outline possible utilitarian arguments (i) for divorce **and** (ii) against divorce. [10]
- (b) 'Happiness is an adequate basis for moral decision-making.'
Assess this view. [10]
3. (a) Outline the ethical teaching of **one** major world religion on any **two** sexual issues you have studied. [10]
- (b) 'Sexual acts outside marriage are wrong.'
Assess this view. [10]