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RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 5a

Studies in Christianity

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 13 June 2007

(1 hour 30 minutes)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry 25 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 two questions.

1. (a) Explain the Church's role as the sign and instrument of God's saving action in the world. [15]
(b) 'Divisions within the Church mean that it is no longer an effective sign and instrument of God's love.'
Assess this view. [10]
2. (a) Explain how historical uncertainty regarding the incarnation has led to conflicting views about Jesus. [15]
(b) 'What is important is not the historical Jesus but the living Christ.'
Evaluate this statement. [10]
3. (a) Examine the success of the Ecumenical Movement in the twentieth century. [15]
(b) 'Church unity is neither workable nor desirable.'
Assess this statement. [10]