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Advanced GCE

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2792

Connections in Religious Studies (Routes C, D, J, K, P, S)

Wednesday **21 JUNE 2006** Morning 1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the separate answer paper provided.

Additional materials:

8 page answer paper

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper/answer booklet.
- Answer **two** questions, both chosen from the Route for which you have been prepared.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, on the separate answer paper provided.
- If you use more than one sheet of paper, fasten the sheets together.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the answer booklet.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- Each question carries 60 marks.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 120.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of your written communication in both answers.

This question paper consists of 3 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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

Route C – Philosophy of Religion with New Testament

- 1 'Theories of rebirth are convincing; New Testament ideas about life after death are not.' Discuss.
- 2 'The New Testament texts which you have studied do not present a consistent picture of the nature of religious experience.' Discuss.
- 3 'The New Testament texts are inconsistent, so they cannot be the revealed word of God.' Discuss.

Route D – Philosophy of Religion with Developments in Christian Thought

- 4 'An inclusivist understanding of salvation is not compatible with a belief in salvation only through Christ.' Discuss.
- 5 'A pluralist view of religion means that scripture cannot have authority.' Discuss.
- 6 'Liberation Theology is concerned with life, not death.' Discuss.

Route J – Religious Ethics with New Testament

- 7 According to the New Testament texts that you have studied, to what extent are people compelled to behave morally?
- 8 'Natural Law is consistent with the New Testament concept of agape.' Discuss.
- 9 'New Testament teaching is of no use when considering ethical issues raised by sex and relationships.' Discuss.

Route K – Religious Ethics with Developments in Christian Thought

- 10 'Liberation Theology is about justice, not peace.' Discuss.
- 11 'A pluralist approach to religion cannot work with an absolutist approach to ethics.' Discuss.
- 12 'Black Theology assumes a relativist view of ethics.' Discuss.

Route P – Jewish Scriptures with New Testament

- 13 With reference to the texts you have studied, how far do the ethics of the Jewish Scriptures differ from New Testament ethics?
- 14 Compare and contrast the ways in which the Jewish scriptures and the New Testament texts you have studied deal with the concept of Law.
- 15 'The ideas of reward and punishment are presented more logically in the Jewish scriptures than in the New Testament.' Discuss.

Route S – New Testament with Developments in Christian Thought

- 16 'Black Theology is more concerned with the suffering of Christ than with his resurrection.' Discuss.
- 17 'Neither a pluralist position nor an inclusivist one is compatible with New Testament teachings.' Discuss.
- 18 'Liberation Theology is the only possible way to interpret the message of the New Testament.' Discuss.

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