

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2794

Connections in Religious Studies (Routes F, M, Q, T)

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 2 printed pages.

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

Route F – Philosophy of Religion with Islam

- 1 Compare Muslim understandings of the nature of the revelation of the Qur'an with ways of understanding the revelation of the Bible.
- 2 'Beliefs about rebirth are more convincing than Muslim teaching on life after death.' Discuss.
- 3 To what extent does Islam provide convincing arguments for the existence of God?

Route M – Religious Ethics with Islam

- 4 'The concept of Jihad leaves no room for pacifism.' Discuss.
- 5 Compare Muslim approaches to issues of sex and relationships with the approach of moral relativism.
- 6 'Islam (Submission to the will of Allah) makes moral decision-making unnecessary.' Discuss.

Route Q – Developments in Christian Thought with Islam

- 7 'Christian and Muslim understandings of revelation through sacred texts have nothing in common.' Discuss.
- 8 Examine the differences between the concept of community in Liberation Theology and brotherhood in the Ummah.
- 9 'Feminism is a Christian concept, not a Muslim one.' Discuss.

Route T – New Testament with Islam

- 10 'There is no similarity between the status of Jesus in the New Testament and the status of Muhammad ﷺ for Muslims.' Discuss.
- 11 'Christian and Muslim ethics are both absolutist.' Discuss.
- 12 Compare and contrast the nature of revelation in the New Testament with that of the Qur'an.

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