

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced GCE**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**2795**

Connections in Religious Studies (Routes B, G, H, N, R, V)

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

Candidates answer on the separate answer paper.

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.

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**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 B – Philosophy of Religion with Jewish Scriptures**

- 1 To what extent should the texts which you have studied from the Jewish Scriptures be regarded as sacred?
- 2 'The use of symbol and myth in the Jewish Scriptures does not help people to understand G-d.' Discuss.
- 3 To what extent do the Jewish Scriptures show a consistent understanding of religious experience?

**Route G – Philosophy of Religion with Judaism**

- 4 'Post-Holocaust theology has provided its own solution to the problem of evil.' Discuss.
- 5 'The authority of the Jewish Scriptures is not open to discussion.' Discuss.
- 6 'In Judaism, religious experience does not match the definitions given by William James.' Discuss.

**Route H – Religious Ethics with Jewish Scriptures**

- 7 How useful are the teachings in the Jewish Scriptures which you have studied for an understanding of the ethical issues surrounding sex and relationships?
- 8 'The existence of the Law means that Jews do not have to consider the consequences of their actions.' Discuss.
- 9 'The Jewish Scriptures show that human responsibility is a collective duty, not an individual one.' Discuss.

**Route N – Religious Ethics with Judaism**

- 10 Compare and contrast Jewish ethics with those of Utilitarianism.
- 11 ‘Orthodox Jews follow the Categorical Imperative while Progressive Jews are moral relativists.’ Discuss.
- 12 ‘Jews do not have free will.’ Discuss.

**Route R – Jewish Scriptures with Judaism**

- 13 Evaluate the importance of scripture in Jewish worship.
- 14 Discuss the implications of the biblical idea of covenant for Jewish life.
- 15 ‘It is not possible for the Jewish Scriptures to be interpreted in different ways.’ Discuss.

**Route V – Islam with Judaism**

- 16 Compare and contrast Muslim understandings of the nature of Allah with Jewish understandings of the nature of G-d.
- 17 ‘The status of the Torah for Jews is the same as the status of the Qur’an for Muslims.’ Discuss.
- 18 ‘Methods of worship in a synagogue and in a mosque have more similarities than differences.’ Discuss.

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