

**ADVANCED GCE UNIT
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

2792

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

THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2007

Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided in the answer booklet.
- Answer **two** questions, both chosen from the Route for which you have been prepared.
- Do **not** answer questions from more than one Route.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the separate answer booklet provided.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the answer booklet.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the answer booklet.
- Read the 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 document consists of **4** printed pages.

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

Route C – Philosophy of Religion with New Testament

- 1 'The New Testament is the revealed word of God so there can be no inconsistencies in the text.' Discuss.
- 2 Discuss critically the concept of miracle in relation to the New Testament texts you have studied.
- 3 'In the New Testament texts you have studied, the concept of life after death is incoherent.' Discuss.

Route D – Philosophy of Religion with Developments in Christian Thought

- 4 'The authority given to the Bible by Christians means that a pluralist approach to other religions is impossible to sustain.' Discuss.
- 5 'Feminist theology has clearly established that revelation is culture-dependent and should be reinterpreted.' Discuss.
- 6 'Black theology requires a complete reinterpretation of traditional belief in God.' Discuss.

Route J – Religious Ethics with New Testament

- 7 'The ethics of the New Testament are completely relativist.' Discuss.
- 8 'New Testament teaching is of no use when discussing abortion.' Discuss.
- 9 Assess critically the main principles of New Testament ethics.

Route K – Religious Ethics with Developments in Christian Thought

- 10 'For a just world, the ethical principles of Feminist theology should be given priority.' Discuss.
- 11 'Liberation theology is anti-Christian in its approach to war.' Discuss.
- 12 'Black Theology does not present a consistent view of ethics.' Discuss.

Route P – Jewish Scriptures with New Testament

- 13 'The Jewish Scriptures expect a Messiah very different from the resurrected Jesus.' Discuss.
- 14 'The ethics of the Jewish Scriptures are absolutist; those of the New Testament are relativist.' Discuss.
- 15 'It is not possible to accept that there is any real similarity between the nature of the revelation of the Jewish Scriptures and that of the New Testament.' Discuss.

Route S – New Testament with Developments in Christian Thought

- 16 'Christianity is a slave religion.' Discuss this statement with reference to Liberation Theology and the New Testament texts you have studied.
- 17 'The New Testament texts you have studied make it clear that there can be no validity in non-Christian religions.' Discuss.
- 18 'Feminist theology and New Testament teaching are totally incompatible.' Discuss.

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