

**ADVANCED GCE UNIT
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

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

THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2007

Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)



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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, 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.

Do **not** answer questions from more than one route.

Route B – Philosophy of Religion with Jewish Scriptures

- 1 'The approach to suffering in the book of Job is less convincing than the theodicy of Augustine.' Discuss.
- 2 'The use of analogy in the Jewish Scriptures is successful in helping people to understand G-d.' Discuss.
- 3 Consider how the texts from the Jewish Scriptures which you have studied deal with the concept of G-d's revelation to humanity.

Route G – Religious Philosophy with Judaism

- 4 'Post-Holocaust theology only solves the problem of suffering by arguing that G-d does not exist.' Discuss.
- 5 'The Jewish Scriptures are not infallible so cannot have been revealed.' Discuss.
- 6 'Experience of G-d only happens when G-d chooses.' Discuss.

Route H – Religious Ethics with Jewish Scriptures

- 7 'Abortion is a modern issue; the Jewish Scriptures are too old to have anything useful to say about it.' Discuss.
- 8 'The Jewish Scriptures show that people are completely free to make their own moral decisions.' Discuss.
- 9 'The laws of the Jewish Scriptures are Categorical Imperatives.' Discuss.

Route N – Religious Ethics with Judaism

- 10 'Belief in ethical monotheism means that the conscience must be G-d-given.' Discuss.
- 11 Compare and contrast Jewish ethics with moral relativism.
- 12 'Belief in an omniscient G-d does not prevent Jews having free will.' Discuss.

Route R – Jewish Scriptures with Judaism

- 13 'The Covenants with G-d mean that Jews are entitled to make the State of Israel their home.' Discuss.
- 14 'The main difference between Jewish groups is the way in which they regard the authority of the Jewish Scriptures.' Discuss.
- 15 To what extent are the teachings about Messianic hope reflected in Jewish life today?

Route V – Islam with Judaism

- 16 'Jewish and Muslim worship show that the Jewish G-d is personal whilst Allah is not.' Discuss.
- 17 Compare and contrast the ways in which Muslims and Jews understand the nature of the revelation of their sacred texts.
- 18 Compare the extent to which Islam and Judaism can be described as pacifist religions.

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