

**ADVANCED GCE  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

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

**MONDAY 16 JUNE 2008**

**2792**

Morning  
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

**Additional materials (enclosed):** None

**Additional materials (required):**  
Answer Booklet (8 pages)



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- 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.

**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 C Philosophy of Religion and New Testament**

- 1 'The New Testament is the word of God so it has authority for all people.' Discuss.
- 2 'Religious experience, as shown in the New Testament, is not compatible with the definitions given by William James.' Discuss.
- 3 'The miracles of the New Testament suggest that God does not have universal love for humanity.' Discuss.

**Route D Philosophy of Religion with Developments in Christian Thought**

- 4 'Black Theology has challenged Christianity by demonstrating that revelation is culture-dependent.' Discuss.
- 5 'A pluralist view of salvation is not compatible with a Christian understanding of life after death.' Discuss.
- 6 'Feminist theology shows that traditional beliefs about God are false.' Discuss.

**Route J Religious Ethics and New Testament**

- 7 'New Testament ethics are absolutist and leave no room for a relativist approach.' Discuss.
- 8 'The New Testament has little to offer in relation to modern ethical debates about the environment.' Discuss.
- 9 'It is not clear from the New Testament that there are consequences for unethical behaviour.' Discuss.

**Route K Religious Ethics and Developments in Christian Thought**

- 10 'Accepting the ethical principles of feminist theology would damage the idea of the family.' Discuss.
- 11 'If people take up arms and kill others because of their belief in Liberation Theology then they must be treated as criminals not as good Christians.' Discuss.
- 12 'The growth of Black Theology was caused by an absolutist Christian morality.' Discuss.

**Route P Jewish Scriptures and New Testament**

- 13 'The Covenant made by Jesus in the New Testament is not compatible with the covenants of the Jewish Scriptures.' Discuss.
- 14 'The Jewish Scriptures are about life: the New Testament about death.' Discuss.
- 15 'New Testament ethics are a restatement of those of the Jewish Scriptures.' Discuss.

**Route S New Testament and Developments in Christian Thought**

- 16 'Black Theology and New Testament teachings are totally incompatible.' Discuss.
- 17 'New Testament teachings oppress humanity.' Discuss with reference to Liberation Theology.
- 18 'Feminist Theology challenges the New Testament teaching about agape.' Discuss.

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