

ADVANCED GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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

MONDAY 16 JUNE 2008

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.

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Route F Philosophy of Religion with Islam

- 1 'The Bible and the Qur'an are both revealed texts and so are of equal worth.' Discuss.
- 2 'The argument for death being the end of existence is more convincing than Muslim beliefs about the afterlife.' Discuss.
- 3 'The Kalam Argument is only convincing to those who already believe in God.' Discuss.

Route M Religious Ethics and Islam

- 4 'The concept of jihad is about pacifism, not war.' Discuss.
- 5 'Muslim ethics have little in common with the Categorical Imperative.' Discuss.
- 6 'Islam has little to offer in relation to modern ethical debates about the environment.' Discuss.

Route Q Developments in Christian Thought and Islam

- 7 Compare and contrast the approaches of Christianity and Islam towards other faiths.
- 8 'The aims of Liberation Theology are incompatible with those of Islam.' Discuss.
- **9** Compare the ways in which Christians and Muslims view the revelation of God/Allah through sacred texts.

Route T New Testament and Islam

- **10** Compare and contrast the teachings about eternal life in the New Testament texts you have studied with those in Islam.
- 11 'Muslim ethics are the same as the ethics of the New Testament.' Discuss.
- 12 'As a source of authority for believers, the New Testament is not as important as the Qur'an.' Discuss.

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