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RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 1a

An Introduction to Christianity

A.M. TUESDAY, 17 January 2006

(1 hour)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry 20 marks. The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all questions.

Answer **Question 1** and **one other question**.

1.

Before the Protestant Reformation, the Roman Catholic Church was considered to be the only source of human salvation. Luther offered an alternative, based on his belief in 'scripture alone' (*sola scriptura*) and 'faith alone' (*sola fides*).

- (a) Explain why *the Roman Catholic Church* was considered to be the only source of human salvation. [10]
- (b) Explain what is meant by a *belief in 'scripture alone' (sola scriptura) and 'faith alone' (sola fides)*. [10]
2. (a) Examine the different ways in which baptism is performed. [10]
- (b) 'Baptizing babies is simply an excuse for a party.'
Assess this view. [10]
3. (a) Explain the significance of Good Friday for Christians. [10]
- (b) 'Good Friday is the best opportunity Christians have to show publicly that they are Christians.'
Assess this view. [10]