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RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 3a

An Introduction to Religion and Ethics

P.M. THURSDAY, 7 June 2007

(1 hour)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 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.

According to many sacred writings, sex is permitted only between husband and wife. Adultery is regarded as an appalling social, as well as sexual, evil. It should be avoided at all costs. At certain points in history it has not been unusual for the death penalty to have been imposed on the adulterer, such is the seriousness with which religious communities have regarded it.

- (a) Explain the views of **one** major world religion on adultery. [10]
- (b) Explain the ethical issues that are raised by other aspects of sex outside of marriage. [10]

2. (a) Give an account of Situation Ethics. [10]
- (b) Assess the view that Situation Ethics is an unreliable way to make ethically sound judgements. [10]

3. (a) Describe the principles of Act and Rule Utilitarianism. [10]
- (b) Assess the view that Utilitarianism promotes sexual promiscuity. [10]