



GCE A level

555/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 5a
Studies in Christianity

P.M. FRIDAY, 6 June 2008

1½ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry 25 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 two questions

1. (a) Examine both Catholic and Protestant understandings of ordained ministry. [15]
(b) 'Lay ministry is inferior to ordained ministry.'
Assess this view. [10]

2. (a) Explain how modern Christology challenges traditional views of Jesus' identity. [15]
(b) 'The Church today is confused about the Person of Christ.'
Evaluate this statement. [10]

3. (a) Explain why Christianity may seem to have been pushed to the fringes of modern society. [15]
(b) 'The Church has failed to meet the challenges of secularisation.'
Evaluate this statement. [10]