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RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION A) 3061/6/2A
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION A) (SHORT COURSE)
Paper 2A Effects of Christianity on Behaviour, Attitudes and Lifestyles

Friday 26 May 2006 9.00 am to 10.30 am

You will need no other materials.
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Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Write your answers to Parts A and B in the spaces provided in this booklet.
- Write your answers to Part C on the continuation sheets at the end of this booklet.
- If you use any additional sheets, tie them loosely to the back of this booklet.
- Do all rough work in this booklet or on the continuation sheets. Cross through any work that you do not want marked.
- You must **not** use a Bible.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 83. Three of the marks will be awarded for the Quality of Written Communication.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are required to:
 - Present relevant information in a form that suits its purposes.
 - Ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate, so that the meaning is clear.
 - Use a suitable structure and style of writing.
- Pages 9 and 10 are perforated. You may remove these pages if you wish.

For Examiner's Use			
Number	Mark	Number	Mark
A1		C5	
A2		C6	
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B4			
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PART A

Answer **all** questions in this part in the spaces provided.

A1 Prejudice and Discrimination

(a) What is discrimination?

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(2 marks)

(b) Explain what the Parable of The Good Samaritan teaches about Christian attitudes towards people of different race or religion.

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(2 marks)

(c) Describe the work of **one** well-known Christian who has opposed prejudice and discrimination.

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(3 marks)

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A2 Marriage and Divorce

(a) Outline Paul’s teaching about the relationship between husbands and wives in marriage.

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(b) Explain what Christians believe about the purpose of marriage.

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(c) Outline Jesus’ teaching about divorce.

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(2 marks)

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PART B

Answer **all** questions in this part in the spaces provided.

B3 Abortion and Euthanasia

Look at the photograph below.



Carlos Reyes-Manzo/Andes Press Agency

- (a) Explain **one** situation when some Christians might agree with a woman's right to choose abortion.

Situation.....

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Explanation.....

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(3 marks)

(b) Explain why some Christians believe that abortion is always wrong.

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(c) ‘Euthanasia is a greater evil than abortion.’

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. You should refer to Christian teaching in your answer.

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B4 Voluntary Agencies

Look at the slogans of some Christian Voluntary Agencies below.

**We are.....
there in the short term,
there in the long term.**

**We believe
in life
before
death!**

- (a) Using examples, explain the meaning of **both** short-term **and** long-term aid.

Short-term aid.....
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Long-term aid.....
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(4 marks)

- (b) Outline biblical teachings which might encourage Christian Voluntary Agencies to help those in need.

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(c) 'For a Christian, worshipping God is more important than helping those in need.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view.

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(5 marks)

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PART C

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Answer **all** questions in this part on pages 11 to 16.

Each question carries 20 marks.

C5 War and Peace

- (a) (i) Explain why some Christians might decide to fight in a war. You should refer to Christian teaching in your answer. *(4 marks)*
- (ii) Explain why some Christians might refuse to fight in a war. You should refer to Christian teaching in your answer. *(4 marks)*
- (b) Explain different views Christians might have about the use of nuclear weapons. *(7 marks)*
- (c) ‘The best way for a Christian to work for peace is to be a pacifist.’

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

C6 Punishment and Forgiveness

- (a) Describe, in detail, **one** of the following parables of Jesus
- Either** The Parable of the Forgiving Father (Prodigal/Lost Son)
- Or** The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant. *(7 marks)*
- (b) Explain the different arguments that Christians might hold **both** for **and** against Capital Punishment (the Death Penalty). You should refer to biblical teaching in your answer. *(8 marks)*
- (c) ‘A Christian should always forgive.’

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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