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Religious Studies

Paper 8

An Introduction to Christian Ethics

[GRS81]

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TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

Answer **all** questions in **Section A** in the spaces provided in this paper.

Answer any **two** questions from **Section B** on the lined pages at the end of this paper.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

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1 Abortion

(a) (i) What is abortion?

_____ [1]

(ii) State **one** reason why a woman might want an abortion.

_____ [1]

(iii) What do Christians understand by the term “sanctity of life”?

_____ [1]

(iv) State **two** options a woman may choose instead of abortion.

1. _____

2. _____ [2]

(b) What does the Bible teach about abortion?

_____ [5]

(c) “Abortion should be available on the National Health Service in Northern Ireland.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

[5]

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2 Capital Punishment

(a) (i) What is capital punishment?

_____ [1]

(ii) Name **one** country which allows capital punishment.

_____ [1]

(iii) State **one** reason against capital punishment.

_____ [1]

(iv) State **one** reason in favour of capital punishment.

_____ [1]

(v) What is restorative justice?

_____ [1]

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3 Equality

Read the following newspaper headline:

**“RACIST ATTACKS ON THE INCREASE
IN NORTHERN IRELAND”**

- (a) Give reasons why some people are prejudiced towards those of a different race or nationality.

[5]

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4 Euthanasia

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(a) Some people are in favour of voluntary euthanasia. Outline some of the arguments to support their point of view.

[5]

Section B

Answer any **two** questions.

Write on the pages provided at the end of the examination paper.

5 War and Peace

- (a) Describe the “Just War” theory. [5]
- (b) Explain why some Christians are pacifists. [5]
- (c) “There is no place for war in the 21st century.”
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

6 Environment

- (a) Outline the biblical teaching on stewardship. [5]
- (b) Explain what some Christians believe about animal rights. [5]
- (c) “Human beings have been poor stewards of God’s creation.”
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

7 Personal and family issues

- (a) Describe some of the reasons why many couples today choose to live together rather than get married. [5]
- (b) Explain how Christian teaching can help a couple in their marriage. [5]
- (c) “The Christian teaching that marriage is for life is outdated.”
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

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