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## Religious Studies

Paper 8

An Introduction to Christian Ethics

[GRS81]

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WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE, MORNING

### TIME

1 hour 30 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** in the spaces provided in this booklet **and two** from **three** questions in **Section B** on the lined pages at the end of this booklet.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 105.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions. Spelling, punctuation and accurate use of grammar will be assessed in Section B questions **5(c)**, **6(c)** and **7(c)**, where **two** questions only are required to be completed.

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 Care for the Environment**

(a) (i) Write down **one** way people can care for the environment.

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(ii) Write down **one** way people are damaging the Earth.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(iii) Write down **one** animal rights issue.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(iv) In the Creation story, who did God put in charge of everything?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(v) How can Christians give thanks to God for his creation and provision?

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(b) Explain what the Bible teaches about caring for the environment.

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- (c) "There are more important issues in the world than protecting the environment."

Do you agree or disagree? Write down reasons for your answer.

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## 2 Equality

(a) (i) What is racism?

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(ii) Write down **one** way Christians can show that they disagree with racism.

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(iii) Write down **one** reason why some people are prejudiced towards others.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(iv) Write down **two** groups of people who may be disadvantaged in our society.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

2. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

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**3 Euthanasia**

Read the following newspaper headline:

**“SWISS SUICIDE CLINIC HELPS  
PEOPLE FROM THE UK TO DIE”.**

**(a)** Why do some people think euthanasia should be allowed?

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(b) Explain what Christians mean by "sanctity of human life".

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(c) "A religious faith can help a person cope with serious illness."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer.

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## Section B

Answer **two** from **three** questions.

**Five** marks will be awarded for spelling, punctuation and accurate use of grammar in part (c) of your answers.

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

### 5 Abortion

- (a) Write down some reasons why the number of abortions has increased in our society. [5]
  
- (b) Explain why some people believe that every woman should have the right to an abortion. [5]
  
- (c) "Adoption is the best solution to an unwanted pregnancy."  
Do you agree? Write down reasons for your answer. [10]

### 6 Marriage and Divorce

- (a) Describe Christian teaching on divorce. [5]
  
- (b) Explain how the vows taken in a Christian marriage service can help a couple in their married life. [5]
  
- (c) "The Christian idea of marriage for life is no longer possible."  
Do you agree? Write down reasons for your answer. [10]

### 7 War and Peace

- (a) Describe what pacifism means. [5]
  
- (b) Explain why some Christians are pacifists. [5]
  
- (c) "The Just War theory is no longer relevant to the 21st Century."  
Do you agree? Write down reasons for your answer. [10]

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