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Religious Studies

Paper 8

An Introduction to Christian
Ethics

[GRS81]

TUESDAY 2 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Complete in blue or black ink only.

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** and **two** from **three** questions in **Section B** in the spaces provided in this booklet.
Extra pages are provided at the end of the 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 at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 Abortion

(a) (i) What is abortion? [1 mark]

(ii) Give **one** argument in favour of abortion. [1 mark]

(iii) Give **one** argument against abortion. [1 mark]

(iv) Give **one** option a woman might choose instead of an abortion. [1 mark]

(v) Give **one** way a woman's life might be affected by an unwanted pregnancy. [1 mark]

(b) Explain Christian teaching on abortion. [5 marks]

(c) "Every woman should have the right to an abortion."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer. [5 marks]

2 Euthanasia

(a) (i) What is euthanasia? [1 mark]

(ii) Give **one** argument in favour of euthanasia. [1 mark]

(iii) Give **one** argument against euthanasia. [1 mark]

(iv) What is meant by active euthanasia? [1 mark]

(v) What is meant by passive euthanasia? [1 mark]

(b) "Euthanasia allows a person to die with dignity."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. [10 marks]

3 Marriage and Divorce



(a) Outline Christian teaching on marriage. [5 marks]

(b) Explain some of the difficulties a couple might face in their marriage. [5 marks]

(c) "Marriage is the best way to show commitment to your partner."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer. [5 marks]

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4 Care for the Environment

(a) Describe some of the ways in which the environment has been damaged. [5 marks]

(b) “Biblical teaching on care for the environment is not much help to us today.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. [10 marks]

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.

If you require extra space you may use the lined pages at the back of this booklet.

5 War and Peace

(a) What is a pacifist? [5 marks]

Use the lines below if required.

(b) Explain what the Bible teaches about war and peace.
[5 marks]

Use the lines below if required.

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6 Justice and Punishment

- (a) Describe some arguments against the death penalty.
[5 marks]

Use the lines below if required.

(b) Explain what Christians teach about repentance.
[5 marks]

Use the lines below if required.

7 Equality

(a) Describe what the Bible teaches about prejudice.
[5 marks]

Use the lines below if required.

(b) Explain why some people are prejudiced towards those of a different race or religion. [5 marks]

Use the lines below if required.

(c) "Churches need to take more action to challenge discrimination."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10 marks]

**Question
Number**

Extra lined page

Number your answers clearly.

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