



General Certificate of Secondary Education
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Religious Studies

Paper 8

An Introduction to Christian
Ethics



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TUESDAY 7 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Do not write outside the box, around each page or on blank pages.

Complete in blue or black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** and **two** from **three** questions in **Section B** in the spaces provided in 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.



Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 Care for the Environment

(a) (i) Name **one** way people are damaging the environment.

_____ [1]

(ii) Name **one** way people can care for the environment.

_____ [1]

(iii) Name **two** animal rights issues.

1. _____
2. _____ [2]

(iv) Who did God put in charge of everything in the creation story in Genesis?

_____ [1]



(b) Explain why some Christians are opposed to animal experiments.

[5]

(c) "Churches should be more active in looking after the environment."

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

[5]

[Turn over



2 War and Peace

(a) (i) What is a conscientious objector?

_____ [1]

(ii) Name a scholar who is associated with the Just War theory.

_____ [1]

(iii) Give any **three** conditions of the Just War theory.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____ [3]



(b) "Pacifism is not a realistic option for the 21st century."

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

[10]

[Turn over]



3 Justice and Punishment

(a) Give reasons why some people are in favour of the death penalty.

[5]



(b) Explain what Jesus teaches about forgiveness.

[5]

(c) “Sending criminals to prison is not always the best way of dealing with crime.”

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

[5]

[Turn over



4 Marriage and Divorce

(a) Describe how divorce can affect all members of the family.

[5]





(b) “If a couple has a religious faith, their marriage is less likely to end in divorce.”

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

[10]

[Turn over





(b) Explain some of the difficulties that might be faced in our society by people from religious minority groups.

[5]

Use the lines below if required.

[Turn over





Use the lines below if required to answer Question 5.

A series of 18 horizontal lines provided for writing the answer to Question 5.



6 Personal and Family Issues

(a) Give reasons why some people choose to be celibate.

[5]

Use the lines below if required.



(b) Explain how the vows taken at a Christian wedding can help a couple in their marriage.

[5]

Use the lines below if required.

[Turn over



Use the lines below if required to answer Question 6.

[Turn over

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7 Matters of Life and Death

(a) Give reasons why some people are in favour of abortion.

[5]

Use the lines below if required.



(b) Explain how a woman's life might be affected by an unplanned pregnancy.

[5]

Use the lines below if required.

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Use the lines below if required to answer Question 7.

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