

Oxford, Cambridge and RSA Examinations
General Certificate of Secondary Education

RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS) (SHORT COURSE) 2392/1
PAPER 2A – Christian Perspectives on Personal, Social and World Issues

Specimen Paper 2003

Additional materials: Answer paper
Candidates answer on separate answer paper provided.

TIME 1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Answer Question 1 and **one** other question.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, on the answer paper provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 43.
- You will be awarded up to 3 marks in Question 1 for the quality of written communication.

Answer question 1 and **one** other question.

- 1 **'I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the sort of persons they are. I have a dream, that one day... all God's children, black men, white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the black people's old song, Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'**

Revd. Martin Luther King

- (a) Give an account of biblical teaching which Christians might use in forming their views about racism. [8]
- (b) Explain how and why one well-known Christian has helped to fight prejudice. [7]
- (c) 'Women and men are not equal!'
- Do you agree? Give reasons to support your opinion and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

- 2 (a) Describe Christian attitudes towards remarriage after divorce. [8]
- (b) Explain how a Christian couple might find the support of other Christians helpful in keeping their marriage together. [7]
- (c) 'Friendship is just as important as love in a marriage.'
- Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

- 3 (a) Describe biblical and Church teaching about euthanasia. [8]
- (b) Explain how Christians might put their beliefs about euthanasia into action. [7]
- (c) 'Only God has the right to take a life.'
- Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

- 4 (a) Describe Christian teaching about the relationship between men and women. [8]
- (b) Explain how a couple's Christian faith might affect the way they bring up their children. [7]
- (c) 'Christians need the support of others to keep their faith strong.'
- Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. [5]