

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS) (FULL COURSE)

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Paper 2A Christian Perspectives on Personal, Social and World Issues

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2008

Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials (enclosed): None

Additional materials (required):
Answer Booklet (8 pages)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, on the Answer Booklet provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer Question 1 and **two** other questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 64.
- You will be awarded up to 4 marks in Question 1 for the quality of written communication.

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Answer Question 1 and **two** other questions.



- 1 (a) Describe Christian teaching about the roles of family members. [8]
 (b) Explain why Christians have different opinions about divorce. [7]
 (c) 'Being able to forgive is the most important thing in any relationship.'

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]

- 2 (a) Describe Christian teaching about equality. [8]
 (b) Explain how Christian beliefs might affect the way Christians deal with prejudice in society. [7]
 (c) 'It is impossible to put Christian teachings about discrimination into practice.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. [5]

- 3 (a) Describe the teachings which Christians might use in a discussion about violent and non-violent protest. [8]
 (b) Explain how Christian beliefs might affect attitudes to a 'holy war'. [7]
 (c) 'Wars cause more problems than they solve.'

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 which might be used in a discussion about contraception. [8]
- (b) Explain how Christian teaching might affect a Christian's attitude to abortion. [7]
- (c) 'Religion has no place in discussions about birth and death.'

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]

- 5 (a) Describe the teachings which Christians might use in a discussion about caring for disadvantaged people. [8]
- (b) Explain how Christian teaching might affect a Christian's attitude to environmental issues. [7]
- (c) 'Rich Christians should give all their wealth to help the poor.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. [5]

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