

#### Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations

# **General Certificate of Secondary Education**

# **RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS)**

PAPER 2A – Christian Perspectives on Personal, Social and World Issues

2302/1

# Specimen Paper 2003

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

**TIME** 1 hour 30 minutes

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Answer Question 1 and two other questions.
- 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 64.
- You will be awarded up to 4 marks in Question 1 for the quality of written communication.

Answer question 1 and two other questions.

1		They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks.  Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more.  (Micah 4	:3b)
	(a)	Describe Christian teaching about war.	[8]
	(b)	Explain why some Christians have used non-violent protest when working for justice	∋. [7]
	(c)	'Christians are not respected when they use violence.'	
		Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thoug about different points of view.	ht [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 thoug about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.	ht [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 thoug about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.	ht [5]
4	(a)	What do Christians mean when they say that people are stewards of the earth?	[8]
	(b)	Explain why many Christians work to get rid of hunger and disease in the world.	[7]
	(c)	'Christians should not send money to other countries when there are so many poor people in their own.'	
		Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thoug about different points of view.	ht [5]

- **5 (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]