

Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations

General Certificate of Secondary Education

RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS)

PAPER 9 – Religion, the Media and Entertainment

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Specimen Paper 2003

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

TIME 1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Answer Question 1.
- 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 **all** parts of the question.

- 1 (a) What do the religion(s) you have studied teach about making statues or pictures of their god(s)? [8]
- (b) Look at Source A.
- What might the religion(s) you have studied say about the campaign advertised in this source? [8]
- (c) Look at Sources B and C.
- How might religious people react to plays or films about their god(s)? [7]
- (d) Look at Source D.
- How might people be affected by religious worship on the television? [7]
- (e) 'People should not be allowed to say bad things about religion on the television.'
- Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to the religion(s) you have studied in your answer. [10]

Source A

COME AND HELP!
We need more volunteers to help with our campaign to visit everyone in the area, talk to people and deliver leaflets. We want everyone to hear about how our religion will change their lives.

[Poster]

Source B

Dear Sir

I am writing to say how much I enjoyed seeing those religious stories brought to life in that television play on Sunday morning. The way they were acted was very lively, it made me think again about the messages of the stories. My children thought the acting made the stories much easier to understand than reading them from a book. It has given us the chance to talk about our religion more at home. I hope they will be repeating this programme soon.

Narinder

Source C

Dear Sir

I am writing to say how much I disapproved of the religious play last Sunday morning on the television. Religious stories are holy, and are written in God's words. It is not right for people to change the words to make them into entertainment. The people in our holy book were very special, chosen by God, and it is disgusting to see them imitated by these ordinary actors. It was disrespectful to my religion.

Tony

Source D

It is reported that thousands of people watched the televised religious worship on New Year's Eve, as they waited for Big Ben to strike. Mary Davies, 85, told us: 'It was wonderful to feel as though I was taking part in such a huge religious celebration. I can't get out of my house very easily in the winter, and I'm really glad that the television companies

chose to broadcast these prayers.' But not everyone was so impressed; Sam Locke, 24, said: 'I don't see why we need to have religion on the television, if I wanted to be religious I'd go to church', and his friend agreed: 'It puts you off religion altogether when they try to push it onto you when you just wanted an evening's entertainment.'

