



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

**2302/01**

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

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

**OCR Supplied Materials:**

- 8 page Answer Booklet

**Other Materials Required:**

None

**Tuesday 18 May 2010**  
**Afternoon**

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer Question **1** and **two** other questions.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

**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.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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

**‘Divorce rate has risen again’, says  
Government report**

**‘Couples should stay together for the sake  
of the children’, says Bishop**

- 1 (a)** Describe Christian teachings which might be used in a discussion about the break up of a marriage. **[8]**

- (b)** Explain how and why Christians might support a Christian couple whose marriage is in trouble. **[7]**

- (c)** ‘Divorce is wrong.’

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 teachings which could be used in a discussion about prejudice and discrimination. **[8]**

- (b)** Explain how Christian beliefs affected the way a well known Christian or Christians reacted to inequality in society. **[7]**

- (c)** ‘Only God can treat everyone equally.’

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 Christian teachings which might be used in a discussion about euthanasia. **[8]**

- (b)** Explain why Christians have different views about fertility treatment and the use of embryos. **[7]**

- (c)** ‘Doctors should not interfere with the beginning or end of human 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 what Christians mean when they talk about a 'Just War'. [8]
- (b) Explain why and how Christians might support the human rights of prisoners of conscience. [7]
- (c) 'All Christians should be pacifists.'

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

- 5 (a) Describe how Christians have responded to the problem of poverty. [8]
- (b) Explain why Christians might try to protect the environment. [7]
- (c) 'Caring for other people should be the most important thing in a Christian's life.'

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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