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GCSE

205/04

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

SPECIFICATION A

PAPER D

CHRISTIANITY THROUGH THE GOSPELS

A.M. TUESDAY, 10 June 2008

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SECTION A	
SECTION B	
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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A 4 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer **all** the questions in Sections **A** and **B** in the spaces provided in this booklet.

In Section **C** answer **two** questions in the separate answer book provided, which should then be enclosed in this question-and-answer booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You will be awarded marks for quality of written communication.

SECTION A

*Answer **all** questions in this section in the spaces provided.*

1. (a) State **one** of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness. [1]

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- (b) When do Christians remember the temptations of Jesus? [1]

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- (c) What does the parable of the Good Samaritan teach Christians? [2]

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- (d) What does the account of his baptism teach about Jesus? [2]

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(e) Why might the Gospels not be reliable evidence?

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(f) What did Jesus mean when he called the Christian community the ‘light of the world’?

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(g) State **two** things Jesus taught about prayer.

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(h) What happened at Caesarea Philippi?

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(i) Explain what is meant by a just war.

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(j) Explain why Jesus taught his followers not to expect a reward for service to God.

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SECTION B

*Answer **all** questions in this section in the spaces provided.*

2. Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

The birth of Jesus took place in a stable in Bethlehem. His name means 'God saves'. Luke's Gospel explains that the first visitors to the new baby were some shepherds.

(a) How were the shepherds told about Jesus' birth? [2]

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(b) State **two** religious ways Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. [2]

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(c) Why is Jesus' birth important to Christians?

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(d) Explain what the parable of the rich fool teaches Christians.

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(e) Describe how Christians could help the poor in today's world.

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(f) 'Christ has been taken out of Christmas.'
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence to support your point of view.

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3. Study the picture below and answer the questions which follow.



The Parable of the Lost Son

(a) Who are the **two** characters in the picture above? [2]

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(b) Explain what the parable of the Lost Son teaches Christians. [2]

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(c) What is meant by reconciliation?

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(d) Give an account of the parable of the servant who refused to show mercy.

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(e) Explain why some Christians are against the death penalty.

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(f) 'Forgiving is easier said than done.'
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence to support your point of view.

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SECTION C

Answer two questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided which should then be enclosed in this question-and-answer booklet.

4. (a) Explain why caring for others is an important part of Christianity. [4]
- (b) Give an account of one miracle performed by Jesus **and** explain its importance to Christians today. [8]
- (c) ‘Miracles are the most important part of the Gospels.’
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
5. (a) Explain what Jesus taught about treasure in heaven. [4]
- (b) Describe Jesus’ teaching about the kingdom of God **and** explain its importance to Christians today. [8]
- (c) ‘You cannot be a rich Christian.’
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
6. (a) Explain **two** of the Beatitudes. [4]
- (b) Give an account of the events from the arrest of Jesus to his death **and** explain the importance of these events to Christians. [8]
- (c) ‘Christian values are out of date.’
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]