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Religious Studies

Paper 8

An Introduction to Christian Ethics

[GRS81]

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WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 30 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** in the spaces provided in this booklet **and two** from **three** questions in **Section B** on the lined pages at the end of this booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 105.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Spelling, punctuation and accurate use of grammar will be assessed in Section B questions **5(c)**, **6(c)** and **7(c)**, where **two** questions only are required to be completed.

Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

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(Questions start overleaf)

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 Marriage and Divorce

(a) (i) Name **two** vows taken in a wedding ceremony. [1]/[1]

1. _____

2. _____

(ii) Why might a couple exchange rings during a wedding ceremony? [1]

(iii) What is a heterosexual relationship? [1]

(iv) Name **one** organisation that can help a couple whose marriage is in difficulty. [1]

2 Religious Diversity

(a) (i) Name **one** religious minority group in Northern Ireland. [1]

(ii) Name **two** difficulties that might be faced by people from religious minority groups. [1]/[1]

1. _____

2. _____

(iii) Give **one** way in which a school can make pupils from different religions feel welcome. [1]

(iv) Name **one** group that helps people from different religions to meet together. [1]

(c) "Abortion is sometimes the best alternative to an unplanned pregnancy."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer. [5]

Section B

Answer **two** from **three** questions.

Five marks will be awarded for spelling, punctuation and accurate use of grammar in part (c) of your answers.

Write on the pages provided at the end of the examination paper.

5 Personal and Family Issues

(a) Give some reasons why couples might choose to live together rather than get married. [5]

(b) Explain Bible and church teaching about sexual relationships. [5]

(c) “The idea of celibacy is outdated.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

6 Care for the Environment

(a) Describe what is meant by Christian stewardship. [5]

(b) Explain what some Christians believe about animal rights. [5]

(c) “Christians should be more concerned with helping the needy than caring for the environment.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

7 The issue of Justice

(a) Describe what the Bible teaches about justice. [5]

(b) Explain some of the aims of restorative justice. [5]

(c) “The only way to reduce crime is to give harsh punishments.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

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Question Number	Marks
Section A	
1	
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