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General Certificate of Secondary Education
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Religious Studies

Paper 8

An Introduction to Christian Ethics

[GRS81]



TUESDAY 14 JUNE, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

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 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions. Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 Personal and Family Issues

(a) (i) Give **one** quality a Christian might look for in a marriage partner.

_____ [1]

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

_____ [1]

(iii) State **two** purposes of marriage given in a Christian wedding ceremony.

1. _____

2. _____ [2]

(iv) What is a “civil partnership”?

_____ [1]

(b) Explain why a Christian couple would decide not to have sex until they are married.

_____ [5]

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Section B

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

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

5 Matters of Life and Death

(a) Give some reasons why people are in favour of abortion. [5]

(b) Explain what is meant by the terms “active” and “passive” euthanasia. [5]

(c) “Only God has the right to decide when a life should end.”
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

6 Divorce

(a) Why do so many marriages end in divorce? [5]

(b) Explain how divorce affects all members of the family. [5]

(c) “If a couple has a strong Christian faith their marriage is less likely to fail.”
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

7 Religious Diversity

(a) Describe some difficulties faced by minority faith groups. [5]

(b) Explain how Christians can show respect to people of other religions. [5]

(c) “School assemblies should always include an act of Christian worship.”
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

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