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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES A
(WORLD RELIGIONS)**

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

TUESDAY 18 MAY 2010: Afternoon

DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

8 page Answer Booklet

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

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.**

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.**

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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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