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Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

Monday 26 June 2023

Afternoon (Time: 2 hours)

Paper reference **9RS0/4B**

Religious Studies

Advanced

PAPER 4: Study of Religion

Option 4B: Christianity

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1** Explore key features of the Christian belief in God as Creator.

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(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)



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2 Assess the strengths of **one** modern view of the Trinity.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS



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SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

The question that has to be asked is whether... repentance, apology, reparation and penance – can be carried over unchanged into our relationship with God... Repentance, and apology as an expression of repentance, still apply; the sinner should truly and deeply repent and ask God's forgiveness... I suggest that when we have offered reparation-plus-penance to the human beings whom we have injured, there is no further reparation-plus-penance to be made solely for God's benefit. In doing all we can to repair matters with our wronged neighbour we are doing what genuine repentance requires. For God cannot be benefitted, and thus recompensed and atoned to... In relation to God the truly penitent person... can only accept forgiveness as a free gift of grace, undeserved and unearned. It may well be Jesus' life and teaching that prompt someone to do this. But it is not... appropriate to express that fact by depicting his death as an atoning sacrifice that benefits God and so enables God to forgive humanity.

(Source: extract adapted from *'The Metaphor of God Incarnate'*, Hick, J., Edexcel Anthology)

- 3** (a) Clarify the ideas about Hick's views illustrated in this passage.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the value of Barth's understanding of atonement.

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(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS



SECTION C

Write your answer in the space provided.

- 4** Evaluate the impact Liberation theology has had on Christianity.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Christianity have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS
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