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Examinations Board

COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION AT 13+

THEOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

ROMAN CATHOLICISM

Specimen Paper

(For first examination in Autumn 2020)

Please read this information before the examination starts.

- Answer **two** questions; **one** question from any **two** of the three sections.
- Answer each question on a separate piece of paper.
- Handwriting and presentation are important.
- You have 60 minutes to complete the examination paper. You should spend no more than 30 minutes on each question.



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SECTION 1: THE OLD COVENANT

If you are choosing this section, answer ONE question.

God and the World

1. Creation

- a) Outline how God made man and woman, according to Genesis 2. [6]
- b) Explain what it means for a person to be created in the image of God. [6]
- c) 'Genesis 2 is untrue because science has a better explanation for how humans came into being.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

2. The Fall and Human Nature

- a) Outline Jonah's message to Nineveh. [6]
- b) Explain why Jonah was unable to forgive. [6]
- c) 'Everyone should be forgiven even if they have done terrible things.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

Living the Covenant

3. The Decalogue

- a) Describe how King David had Uriah the Hittite killed. [6]
- b) Explain what the story of David and Uriah teaches about living the Covenant. [6]
- c) 'No one must be forced to act against their conscience.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

4. Moses

- a) Describe the events of the first Passover. [6]
- b) Explain why the Passover was such a significant moment in Israel's history. [6]
- c) 'It is the rich who are most in need of liberation today.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

(Total marks for this section: 20)

SECTION 2: JESUS CHRIST AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

If you are choosing this section, answer ONE question.

Use a new piece of paper for this section.

The Example of Christ

1. The Person of Jesus

- a) Describe how Jesus was tempted by Satan. [6]
- b) Explain what each of the temptations teaches about the person of Jesus. [6]
- c) 'Jesus was not really tempted to do wrong because he was Son of God.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

2. Discipleship

- a) Outline the life of Jean Vanier. [6]
- b) Explain what Jesus meant when he said a disciple must, 'take up his cross and follow me.' [6]
- c) 'Suffering can be good.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

The Kingdom of God

3. Miracles and Parables

- a) Outline the Parable of the Talents. [6]
- b) Explain what the parable teaches about life in the Kingdom of God. [6]
- c) 'Using one's talents well takes courage.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

4. The Resurrection

- a) Describe what happened when the other disciples met the risen Jesus in the locked room. [6]
- b) Explain why it was significant that Jesus' tomb was empty. [6]
- c) 'Without the Resurrection, Christianity is meaningless.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

(Total marks for this section: 20)

SECTION 3: THE CHURCH AND SACRAMENTS

If you are choosing this section, answer ONE question.

Use a new piece of paper for this section.

Church and Life

1. The Birth and Life of the Church

- a) Describe the events of Pentecost. [6]
- b) Explain the significance of Pentecost for the birth of the Church. [6]
- c) 'People are more important than the Church.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

2. The Liturgical Year and Devotion

- a) Outline the Stations of the Cross. [6]
- b) Explain the purpose of doing the Stations of the Cross. [6]
- c) 'Fasting is the most important practice during Lent.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

The Sacramental Life

3. Community Life in the Church

- a) Outline what happens at a typical Roman Catholic marriage ceremony. [6]
- b) Explain how marriage is a sacrament. [6]
- c) 'Living together before marriage is no longer a sin.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

4. Sacraments

- a) Outline what happens at the Sacrament of Reconciliation. [6]
- b) Explain the relationship of Grace and the Sacraments. [6]
- c) 'Baptism is the most important Sacrament.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. Show that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

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