

UNIVERSITY OF MALTA  
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FINAL EXAMINATIONS – JUNE 200

B.A. RELIGIOUS STUDIES COURSE

PAPER III

Saturday 25 June 2005

9.00a.m. – 12.00noon

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Answer any three questions.

Use a **SEPARATE** script for **each** question.

1. In his first speech to the diplomatic corps, the new Pope renewed the Church's commitment in favour of peace and human rights. Why is the Church so interested in these areas? Show how the Church's understanding of human rights goes beyond personal individual rights to include social rights.
2. The passing away of John Paul II and the election of Benedict XVI focused the world's attention on the persistence of religion in our time in spite of all predictions to the contrary. Comment on this fact, and explain how you see the future of religion in our postmodern world. What do you think will be the main characteristics of the religious world of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
3. "Jesus was a very socially committed person." How can we arrive at such a conclusion on the basis of the Gospel narrative?
4. Developing caring communities is one of the main pastoral tasks of a Church understood as a communion. Elaborate.
5. Why should the Audio Visual Civilisation be of interest to Christians?
6. Discuss the main objectives that you would set for a catechesis relevant to adolescents. Relate your answer to the psychological and sociological situation in which our adolescents are presently living.