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10.30 – 12.30

SECTION A

Answer ONE Question:

1. The notion of "salvation" is essential to the notion of "religion". Write about the Christian concept of salvation.
2. Christ is "the only mediator between God and man" and there is no salvation outside his saving activity. Elaborate with reference to salvation history.
3. What role, if any, does the Catholic Church attribute to non-Christian religions in man's quest for salvation.

SECTION B

Answer ONE Question:

4. The Declaration on the Unicity and Salvific Universality of Jesus Christ and the Church, *Dominus Jesus* (2000), begins with the observation that the Church's constant missionary proclamation is endangered by relativistic theories which seek to justify religious pluralism, not only de facto but also de iure. Comment on the context which provoked the publication of this Declaration by referring to these 'relativistic theories' and how they endanger the Church's missionary proclamation.
5. The Second Vatican Council acknowledged in *Nostra Aetate* that there are elements of truth even in other non-Christian religions. In the light of God's universal will to save mankind and our belief that Jesus Christ is the fullness of God's revelation, how would you approach the problem of salvation and other Religions outside Christianity?
6. Speaking about Salvation from a broadly human perspective but also taking account of the Christian's belief, what do you think the human being needs in the first place to be redeemed from and in view of what?