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# EXAMINATION PAPER

## 13+ Academic Scholarship 2024

### TPR

Time allowed: 2 hours

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Instructions

- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.
- Answer on lined paper. Write your name clearly at the top of each sheet of paper that you use.
- Answer **ALL** the questions in **Section A**. Choose **TWO** questions from **Section B**. You should divide your time equally between both sections.
- You are expected to write clearly and accurately throughout each of your answers. You should leave some time towards the end of the examination to check your work carefully.
- The maximum number of marks for this paper is 40.

## Section A – Comprehension.

1. Answer **all** questions. You may refer to the text to support any points that you make.

The following excerpt is from C.S. Lewis' "Surprised By Joy". In this passage, Lewis candidly recounts his reluctant journey toward faith, describing the inner turmoil and resistance he experienced before finally surrendering to God.

"Friendly agnostics will talk cheerfully about 'man's search for God.' To me, as I then was, they might as well have talked about the mouse's search for the cat... You must picture me alone in that room in Oxford, night after night, feeling, whenever my mind lifted even for a second from my work, the steady, unrelenting approach of Him whom I so earnestly desired not to meet. That which I greatly feared had at last come upon me. In the Summer Term of 1929 I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed: perhaps, that night, the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England. I did not then see what is now the most shining and obvious thing; the Divine humility which will accept a convert even on such terms. The Prodigal Son at least walked home on his own feet. But who can duly adore that Love which will open the high gates to a prodigal who is brought in kicking, struggling, resentful, and darting his eyes in every direction for a chance of escape?... The hardness of God is kinder than the softness of men, and His compulsion is our liberation."

- A) Lewis makes reference to Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son (sometimes called 'The Lost Son'). Describe what happens in this parable. [6 marks]
- B) Lewis compares himself with the prodigal son. Why do you think he does this? [7 marks]
- C) To what extent does being religious help or hinder someone to live their life? [7 marks]

[Total: 20 marks]

## Section B – Essay Writing

Choose **TWO** questions from the following choice of FOUR. Each essay is marked out of 10.

1. Religious Texts

Explain why Jesus performed miracles. You should refer to specific miracles to justify your ideas

2. Religion in the modern world

"As religion is a private matter, there should be no religious worship in schools". Do you agree?

3. Worship

With reference to a religion you have studied, describe and explain what happens during prayer.

4. Ethics

"God commanded people to be stewards of the earth. Therefore we should all be vegan". Do you agree?.

[Total: 20 marks]