Answer one question from each section and any other question

Section A. Liturgy and the Sacraments

1. The liturgical year is not a lifeless repetition of past events, but the celebration of Christ himself, ever living in His Church. Illustrate how the major events of the liturgical cycle help to deepen the experience of the Risen Christ in the life of the Christian.

2. Sacraments are effective signs of God’s presence and cause a change in the person who receives them. Elaborate with reference to the sacraments of initiation.

3. "The sacraments are 'divine realities' incarnate in 'the realities of the world'. By discussing the characteristics of rites and the role of symbols, show how the sacraments form part of the human world of rites and symbols.

Section B. Christian Morality

4. Christian morality is choosing to live this present life in a way that prepares us for eternal life. What is the significance of hope in eternal life for Christian morality?

5. The first three commandments invite us to make love of God the centre of our lives; and they provide us with reliable guidelines for doing so. What is the real connection between love of God and love of neighbour?

6. In his Confessions St. Augustine declares "How is it, then, that I seek you, Lord? Since in seeking you, my God, I seek a happy life, let me seek you so that my soul may live, for my body draws life from my soul and my soul draws life from you." (St. Augustine, Conf. 10, 20) How do the Beatitudes reveal the goal of human existence and in what way do they respond to the desire for happiness placed in us by God?