In the history of the Catholic Church there have been many important Religious Events. In the recent history of the Church the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) is an important event for the Church and how the Church relates to society.

**Research skills and submission requirements –**

- Evidence of notes/planning (3)
- Draft copy- must show evidence of proof-reading and editing (2)
- Minimum of 3 references/bibliography (3)
- Presentation, including correct grammar and spelling of terms (2)

Your task must have a cover page and your task outline must also be submitted with your task.
Part 1: (9 Marks)

1. What date did Vatican II open and when did it end? (1)

2. Which Pope called and opened Vatican II? (1)

3. Which Pope closed Vatican II? (1)

4. What do the terms Aggiornamento and Ressourcement mean in relation to Vatican II? (2)

5. Name the Four Foundation Documents or Constitutions from Vatican II and briefly state the area of Church practice they referred to (4)

Part 2: (5 marks)

Vatican II was attended by around 2500 bishops from around the world, many of whom were from countries outside of Europe. For the first time in the history of Church Councils leaders of other Christian and non-Christian religions were invited to attend as observers, Women, too for the first time invited to attend as observers.

Discuss the above statement in terms of the changes in society in the post war period of the 1950s and early 1960s and the emerging Ecumenical movement in the Catholic Church at the time.

Part 3: (8 marks)

Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World “GAUDIUM ET SPES”, promulgated by His Holiness Pope Paul VI on December 7, 1965

Preface:

1. The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community composed of men. United in Christ, they are led by the Holy Spirit in their journey to the Kingdom of their Father and they have welcomed the news of salvation which is meant for every man. That is why this community realizes that it is truly linked with mankind and its history by the deepest of bonds

7. A change in attitudes and in human structures frequently calls accepted values into question, especially among young people, who have grown impatient on more than one occasion, and indeed become rebels in their distress. Aware of their own influence in the life of society, they want a part in it sooner. This frequently causes parents and educators to experience greater difficulties day by day in discharging their tasks. The institutions, laws and modes of thinking and feeling as handed down from previous generations do not always seem to be well adapted to the contemporary state of affairs; hence arises an upheaval in the manner and even the norms of behaviour.
1. Identify three key beliefs found in paragraph 1 of the document GAUDIUM ET SPES. (3)

2. Paragraph 7 from the document GAUDIUM ET SPES states ‘A change in attitudes and in human structures frequently calls accepted values into question’. Outline and discuss the relevance of this statement in contemporary (today’s) society. (5)

Part 4: (8 marks)

With the conclusion of Vatican II the Church found itself faced with a number of new challenges. The first was how to understand and implement the teachings of the Council. The second challenge the Church faced was how to engage in dialogue with the world and in particular how to respond to new developments within society. The third challenge it faced was how to respond to dissenting voices within the Church community, this included those opposed to, or who expressed concerns about the Council’s teachings or developments within the Church following the council.

Taking one (1) of the three challenges mentioned above discuss how the Church responded to the challenges of Vatican II and what changes are seen within the Church now 50+ years after the close of Vatican II...

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