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## **Introduction**

This specification for Edexcel GCSE Religious Studies is now well-established as it is the fourth year that it has been assessed.

A wide variety of centres enter candidates for this unit. Entries include centres from different Christian denominational schools and non-faith schools. It is evident that candidates themselves come from a wide variety of faith backgrounds or none. Many candidates engage well with exploring the meaning, place and importance of Christian beliefs and practices in society today.

This year, there was evidence that the candidates had been well-prepared and taken notice of advice in previous ResultsPlus reports.

## Question 1 (a) (b) (c) (d)

The vast majority of candidates engaged well with this question and demonstrated a good level of understanding of key Christian beliefs.

In Q1 (a), most candidates knew the meaning of the term 'salvation' for Christians, and many gave the glossary definition. Some candidates did confuse salvation with repentance, or described the work of the Salvation Army.

Q1 (b) was the weakest part of this question because a significant number of candidates did not see a 'religious community' as relating to monastic communities. They referred to the local church, or to a multi-faith society, as a religious community. The specification requires candidates to study both how religious communities and others, express their love of God. The candidates who answered this well, used examples from both active and contemplative religious communities such as the Missionaries of Charity.

Q1 (c) was well-answered by most candidates, who made clear links between why Christians believe in one God and the concept of Unity and other Christian teachings. Some candidates only gave reasons why people believe in God and ignored the reference to *one* in the question.

In Q1 (d) (i) and (ii), candidates were able to give a wide variety of reasons both for and against Jesus being the Son of God, many answers exploring the meaning of the term "Son of God".

This candidate was awarded three marks for both parts (i) and (ii).

(d) (i) I believe Jesus is the Son of God  
as how else would he have  
performed such great miracles.  
I also believe this as he came  
back to life something which only  
God could do.  
Some Christians however believe  
this as it says so in the  
Bible which is a reliable source as  
it was inspired by the Holy Spirit.

(ii) Some people may disagree with  
me as they believe that God  
could not have a Son as  
there is only one God and two

would be required-  
 AS some people believe that  
 Jesus only a prophet who  
 showed the power of God but  
 was not the Son of God against  
 Christian views. Some Christians  
 Also his miracles could have  
 been coincidences which Jesus took advantage  
 of to call himself the Son of God.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

In part (d) (i), the candidate gives three reasons for Jesus being the Son of God:

- Jesus performed miracles
- Jesus came back to life - only God can do that it is stated in the Bible

In part (d) (ii), the candidate gives three reasons why people might disagree:

- it is impossible for God to have a son
- Jesus is only a prophet
- miracles are coincidences

This candidate was awarded Level 2 for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG), because they demonstrated control of meaning but there were errors in spelling and grammar.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Tip

Make use of paragraphs to help to structure an answer.

For both parts (a) and (b), the candidate gained full marks.

- (a) ~~Salvation is the act of being sorry for something and saying you will not~~ Salvation is being ~~del~~ saved from sin or delivered from evil.
- (b) Yes, I do think a religious community should love of others. The Missionaries of Charity show love for others by setting up leprosy centres to help the sick and by caring for the elderly. ~~Also they help~~ Also the Brothers at Ampleforth Abbey ~~respect~~ ~~of God~~ and teach the Christian beliefs to people and help in schools to educate children. Also the ~~examination~~ ~~that~~ vows that are taken show a love of God and they will obey God's command ~~which~~ which is shown through love of others.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

In part (b), it is clear that this is the candidate's own view and they give two developed reasons by referring to two religious communities.

The candidate goes on to develop their answer by giving examples of how the communities show love of others eg helping the sick and educating children.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Tip

Use specific examples or teachings to help to develop reasons.

## Question 2 (a) (b) (c) (d)

This question was equally as popular with candidates as Q1.

Most candidates were able to give a correct definition of faith, many giving the glossary definition.

In Q2 (b), it was clear that more candidates than in previous years both knew and understood the meaning of the parable of 'The Sheep and Goats'. A significant number still confused it with the parable of 'The Good Samaritan', or did not achieve higher marks because they did not link the teachings with the specifics of the parable.

The vast majority of candidates scored well in this question, many making clear reference to Christian teachings about God as the 'Father'. Many gave developed answers, comparing the qualities of an earthly father with those of God.

In parts (d) (i) and (ii), candidates made good use of evidence for the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world today, by referring to 'speaking in tongues', miracles and 'gifts' of the Holy Spirit. Equally, they could give reasons why the Holy Spirit is *not* active today, by referring to the presence of evil and suffering and that science can explain such things as miracles.

Some candidates did not understand the concept of the Holy Spirit in Christianity, and talked about the spirit world.

- (b) The parable of the sheep and goats are a guidance on how christians should live. The main christian belief is to love others and Jesus taught <sup>how</sup> us to live in this parable. He taught that we should treat others how we would want to be treated by acting like sheep. He also taught that what we did for others, we did for Jesus himself: "for the brothers of mine you helped, you did for me." Therefore christians want to help Jesus which is why they should help others. Jesus taught: "love one another". This helps christians make the world a better place - it shows love of God which is important for salvation.
- (c) Many christians call God father because Jesus taught his followers to call God 'father' which christians



should follow.

Moreover, Jesus called <sup>God</sup> "father" in the Lord's prayer which is used by many Christians today. It also emphasises that Christians can approach God the same way they approach their father. The title "father" is a mark of respect for God and used by Jesus in the Gospels: "When you pray... pray to your father who is unseen".

Also, Jesus was asked which was the greatest commandment. He replied: "The Lord our God, the father almighty"

It shows we can have a spiritual relationship with God who cares for us.

The Catechism for Roman Catholics take belief using the apostles' creed: "Our Lord, the father almighty" see it to mean God has authority. He also ~~have~~ has loving care for his children.

They also ~~creat~~ call God "father" as he created them like our mother and father. It shows God provides



us with our needs. ~~on~~ Christians  
see God's<sup>a</sup> 'father' for everyone which  
means that people are equal - it  
allows them to treat others equally.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

In part (b), the candidate gives two developed reasons.

Firstly, they refer to the main Christian belief to love one another and develop it by referring to the sheep in the parable.

Secondly, they refer to what we do for others, we do for Jesus, and they develop this through the quotation.

In part (c), this candidate gains full marks by giving two developed reasons.

The first reason is that Jesus taught people to call God 'Father' and this is developed by referring to *The Lord's Prayer*.

The second reason is that Jesus used the term 'Father' and this is developed by explaining that it shows a spiritual relationship with God.

The candidate goes on to include other relevant reasons.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Tip

Some candidates do not complete the paper because they appear to spend too long on the first section. Candidates should give an equal amount of time to each section.

This candidate has gained full marks in both parts (d) (i) and (d) (ii), by giving three clear reasons for each part of the question.

(d) (i) I disagree because as a Christian I have been brought up to believe that the Holy Spirit is all around us as it is part of the trinity.

Also the Holy Spirit should be a feeling inside you. If people truly believe in God then they should receive the Holy Spirit, which many people feel every single day.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is active in the world because as long as people are doing good to one another and prayers are being answered then the Holy Spirit is helping and active.

(ii) Some people may disagree because they may have no faith so therefore they do not have to believe in anything if they don't want or have too.

Also some people may fake the feeling of the Holy Spirit or they may not want to receive the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Also people may say that a person's actions are not a signal from God it might just be

a random act of kindness. Also prayers may not be answered quickly which may lead to dis-belief in God and he is part of the trinity.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

In (d) (i), three simple reasons are given:

- it is a Christian belief that the Holy Spirit is all around
- people feel the Holy Spirit
- there is evidence for the Holy Spirit today, as people are doing good.

Also in (d) (ii), three simple reasons are given:

- some people do not have faith
- feeling of the Holy Spirit could be "fake"
- good actions could just be "random acts of kindness"

The candidate has made good use of paragraphs to help structure their response.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Tip

Remember to give capital letters to such terms as 'Trinity', 'Holy Spirit' and 'the Father' because marks are awarded for SPaG in this section.

### Question 3 (a)

Most candidates gave the correct definition for the 'Old Testament', using the glossary definition. Some candidates confused it with the 'New Testament' and some did not attempt to answer it.

(a) The Old Testament is the first part of the Bible.



**ResultsPlus**  
Examiner Comments

This is a fully-correct answer and is awarded 2 marks.



**ResultsPlus**  
Examiner Tip

Candidates should read the question carefully, to ensure that they do not give a definition to another one of the key words.

### Question 3 (b) (c) (d)

This was the most popular question in this section.

In part (b) the better answers went beyond saying that people should make their own decisions because they have free will. Candidates were able to make good use of their knowledge about why Protestant Churches were established.

Part (c) was well-answered by the majority of candidates. They knew why Mary was important for some Christians and cited a wide variety of reasons.

In part (d), candidates engaged well with the question, many giving a wide variety of reasons that were based securely in the different attitudes that people have towards the clergy being married, within Christianity. Some candidates confused this question with the issue of same-sex couples being allowed to marry.

This candidate gained full marks in part (c) and (d), and has made good use of their knowledge of this unit in answering the questions.

(c) Some Christians think the virgin Mary is important because ~~she was conce~~ because Jesus was conceived in Mary without her ever having sex. This appears impossible in today's world therefore it was a miracle that it happen. Only someone as powerful as God could have made this happen. Mary was chosen ~~specifically~~ specifically by God ~~to~~ out of all the millions of people on Earth therefore must be very special. This also makes some people believe she is very important. Another reason could be that Mary had the most important role as a mother, to ~~bring~~ raise a boy the son of God. ~~Ref~~ Roman Catholic Churches have statues of Mary around the Church so people can focus on her whilst praying and see her as a role model.

(d) (i) I agree because in the bible it doesn't say anything about not being allowed to be married if you ~~were~~ <sup>are</sup> part of the clergy. Also, St Peter was married yet he was incredibly important and

told a lot of people about Jesus. If the clergy are married then they have more experience and are able to help others and their community with marriage counselling and families and ~~teach~~ give advice to them which is suitable for the Christian life. God created humans to reproduce yet the bible says you can only do this through marriage. Therefore God obviously wanted Christians to be married.

~~some people~~  
(iii) I disagree because if the clergy is married then they have distractions ~~of~~ from their work in the church and won't be as focused in their work. Also they would have the responsibility of a wife and children and they wouldn't have full commitment to their work and God.

In the bible God says you can only serve one master, therefore if you have a wife and children you are serving them as well as God and God said this cannot happen.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

In part (c), the candidate gives four brief reasons as to why Mary is important for some Christians. They refer to:

- the miracle of the Virgin Birth
- Mary being chosen by God
- Mary being the Mother of the Son of God
- Mary as a role model

In part (d) (i), the candidate makes good use of their knowledge about St Peter and links this with their reasons regarding the role of the clergy today.

The point about marriage and children as being what God intended, is valid, but the candidate had already achieved full marks.

In (d) (ii), the candidate gives one fully-developed answer. Marriage would be a distraction.

They develop their answer by linking it with the responsibility of having a wife and family, and further develop it by referring to serving God.



In this question, the candidate has only given brief or simple reasons, and has not gone beyond Level 1.

(b) I think Protestant Christians don't have to do what the church ~~says~~ says its their opinion on how they do stuff it is their own life.

My ~~other~~ other opinion is that if they believe in God and go to the church every Sunday then it is up to them if they want to believe in the church.

(c) The reason why Christians think the virgin Mary is important because the virgin Mary is Jesus' mum and they worship Mary for bringing Jesus into the world and everyone respects her because she is the mother of Jesus. The virgin Mary is the one who brought Jesus into this world.

(d) (i) All clergy should be allowed to marry because it is their own choice and if they are in love with each other ~~and~~ they have talked about it and ~~decided~~ decided that



IS What they want then it is  
up to them. God can tell them  
not to marry its their own  
choice



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**Examiner Comments**

In part (b), the candidate gained 1 mark for stating that if people believe in God, it is up to them. There is no other rewardable material.

Part (c), was a Level 1 answer, because the candidate repeats that Mary was Jesus' Mother, a number of times.

In (d) (i), one simple reason is given: that marriage is part of life.

In (d) (ii) the reasons are about marriage in general, not about the clergy, so there is no rewardable material.



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**Examiner Tip**

In part (c) of the questions, Level 4 can be achieved by giving four brief reasons or two developed reasons.

Do not repeat the same reason.

### Question 4 (a)

Many candidates did not know what was meant by *Orthodox Churches* and so did not gain any marks on this question.

A significant number of candidates did not attempt to answer the question. Those that did, confused it with the Protestant Churches, sometimes describing them as 'strict' churches. It was clear where candidates had learnt the glossary definition.

(a) Orthodox churches are national churches in union with the Patriarch of Constantinople.



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Examiner Comments

This is a fully-correct answer. The candidate has learnt the glossary definition.

### Question 4 (b) (c) (d)

This question was the least popular in this section.

In part (b), there was a mixture of those candidates who agreed or disagreed with the question. Those agreeing referred to the Pope as the head of the Catholic Church and to Apostolic Succession. Many of those disagreeing made good use of current issues within the Catholic Church, to illustrate their point.

Part (c) tended to be answered poorly, with a significant number of answers just describing what the Bible is and how it used by Christians. Those that did attempt to give reasons why Christians believe that it is the direct word of God, did not develop their answers much beyond 'because it is what God said'.

Some candidates went on to give reasons why people believe that it is *not* the direct word of God, for which they could receive no credit.

Part (d) was well-answered and candidates made good use of their knowledge of the different forms of worship in Christianity to answer the question.

This is a Level 1 one answer.

(c) Many literalist Christians believe everything in the Bible is literally true. It is the direct word of God. Many Christians believe that seeing as it is the direct word from

God it is wrong to question what is written in it.

Some Christians may believe that the Bible was for God to tell humans how to live a good Christian life. They may believe that, that must mean it is the direct words from God. If it is directly from God we must read it to see how we should live our life in order to go to heaven.

Not all Christians think the Bible is God's direct word. They may choose to interpret the Bible symbolically.

The old testament tells us how the world was created. Nobody was there other than Adam and Eve. They did not write the Bible. They would not know too much about it as they were created last. Only God would know about how the earth was created.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

This answer does not explain, but rather describes, the issue, so can only gain Level 1.

Note that the candidate gives reasons why people do *not* believe that the Bible is the direct word of God. The question does not ask this, so these reasons cannot be awarded any marks.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Tip

Do not give alternative views in part (c) questions unless they are requested.

This candidate has demonstrated good knowledge, understanding, and evaluation skills, in this response.

(c) ~~the~~ Some Christians believe the bible is a direct word of God overall. Even though it was written by many authors - there seems to be a sense of unity in the message that makes people think it was only written by one God person known as God.

Through personal religious experience - many feel the bible is a direct word of God.

Furthermore, throughout Jesus's life, death and resurrection, the prophecies were fulfilled in the old testament. This is why it is a direct word of God - only God can predict the future.

Jesus himself referred to the Jewish scriptures - (this is the old testament) as a word of God. Christians should believe Jesus as he is the son of God.

The bible as a word of God means that Christians are able to literally believe it since God cannot be wrong.

It allows them to follow a good christian life that is based on what God says - not people. It gives the bible authority.

(d) (i) Yes, I think every church needs a priest or minister because it supports followers by providing advice and help. <sup>They</sup> It helps spread the teachings of Jesus, which allow the faith to continue.

The priest represents Jesus in the eucharist, which is a sacrament that helps christians to receive blessings and get closer to God.

The priest has authority to hear confessions and as well as forgive them because Jesus forgave sins.

It is important for reconciliation too.

(ii) Other people such as non-conformist christians feel that christianity is about guiding God themselves - they do not need a priest to tell them what to do, but a minister that offers guidance. Other christians think that the

eucharist is not required to get closer to God, such as the Salvation Army. It is through own experience.



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**Examiner Comments**

In part (c), the candidate has given three brief reasons and one developed reason. They have referred to:

- there being a sense of unity in the message
- knowing through a personal religious experience
- the fulfilment of the prophecies only God could predict
- links with Jesus' life.

In (d) (i), three simple reasons are given:

- the priest or minister provides support and advice
- they help spread the teachings
- they represent Jesus at the Eucharist

In (d) (ii), one fully-developed reason is given: this refers to the role of priest, minister and the Salvation Army.



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**Examiner Tip**

In section 2, candidates should be clear about the different beliefs and attitudes of different groups of Christians, in the areas covered by this section.

### Question 5 (a)

Whilst many candidates gained full marks for this question, a significant number did not give the meaning of 'commemoration' within the context of this section. They described it as an act of remembering someone.

(a) Commemoration is the believe that the last supper ~~was~~ is remembered and kept alive through the Eucharist, but nothing happens to the bread and wine.



#### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

This is a fully-correct answer because it has given the meaning of commemoration within the context of this section, and has used the glossary definition.



### Question 5 (b) (c) (d)

These parts of Q5 tended to be well-answered, showing that the candidates had a good knowledge and understanding of worship and celebration within Christianity. Candidates could use this to evaluate matters of beliefs and practices studied within this section.

In part (b), candidates gave a personal response, based on their knowledge and understanding of why churches have certain features. There was an equal balance of candidates who agreed or disagreed or were unsure.

Most answers focused on having statues and pictures. These were perceived variously as:

- being a distraction from worship
- helping people to focus on worship
- similar to worshipping idols
- making the church look special
- being a waste of money, which could instead be used to help people.

In part (c), it was clear that the vast majority of candidates knew what confirmation was, and also its significance.

In parts (d) (i) and (d) (ii), it was clear that most candidates were aware of what Lent commemorates and its significance for Christians. Some candidates confused it with Advent and others with Holy Week.

Candidates who gained higher marks could place Lent within the context of the Christian Year and society today, and give reasons why it is important or not for both Christians and non-Christians.

(b) I don't think all churches need statues and pictures because they do not affect your love for God, you will love God no more just because there is a picture in the Church. Also because the money spent on the pictures & statues could be better spent doing God's work for example it could be given to a charity. Also because God said we shouldn't make idols of what he looks like so having pictures & statues is breaking his laws.

(c) Confirmation is important for some Christians because it affirms your faith in God, it is a welcoming to the Christian faith at an age where you are old enough to make your own decisions about your faith & your belief in God, & the sacrament.

Confirmation is proof to God of your love of him & a representation of your belief in his word.

Confirmation makes some Christians a deeper believer in God because they feel it brings them closer to him and as ~~the~~ the Christian is old enough to understand the Christian beliefs, some Christians believe confirmation is a way of telling God that you understand his word.

Some Christians ~~believe~~ believe that confirmation creates a trust between the Christian and God.

Confirmation makes someone feel more involved in the Church & therefore more likely to be a good Christian & lead a good Christian life.

(d) (i) I think Lent is still important today as it makes Christians grateful of Jesus' sacrifice and his willpower.

to resist the devil's temptation.

It makes us appreciate Jesus' sacrifice for us as we follow his example.

Lent brings us closer to God as it proves we can resist temptation.

Lent makes us more grateful of the beautiful World God has given us as we have to resist things that ~~are~~ are in it. This makes us thankful to God.

(iii) Some people don't think Lent is important today because many non-Christians use it as an excuse to diet or quit smoking etc. This isn't the point of Lent and God would be unhappy with the lack of understanding ~~and~~ and the lack of appreciation this shows towards Jesus' sacrifice for humanity.



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#### Examiner Comments

In part (b), this candidate receives full marks for two developed reasons:

- recognising that the money spent on statues could be used for doing God's work through giving to charity
- God said not to have idols, so having statues breaks His Laws

In part (c), the candidate gives four brief reasons including that confirmation:

- affirms your belief in God
- welcomes you to the Church when you are old enough to understand
- brings you closer to God.

In part (d) (i), three simple reasons are given and in, (d) (ii), one fully-developed answer is given, based around how non-Christians use Lent. This is a valid way to view the question.

## Question 6 (a)

Most candidates were able to give a fully-correct answer. Some candidates gave the meaning of another key term, 'charismatic worship', so gained no marks.

(a) Non-liturgical worship doesn't follow a set order and hymns aren't involved.



**ResultsPlus**

**Examiner Comments**

This candidate has gained 2 marks for stating that non-liturgical worship does not have a set order.

They would have gained full marks also, for using such phrases as 'worship that does not have set rituals' or 'worship that does not have a service book.'

## Question 6 (b) (c) (d)

In part (b), most candidates were able to give two reasons in response to the question "Do you think all Christians should baptise their babies?" The candidates who developed their reasons did so by referring to different Christian practices around baptism and the beliefs and teachings associated with it.

In part (c), there were some excellent, detailed answers that were awarded Level 4. Even so, a significant number of candidates wrote about Easter and the Resurrection, when answering a question about Holy Week. Also, some candidates included references to Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday in their responses.

In parts (d) (i) and (d) (ii), there were some well-developed answers that showed an understanding of transubstantiation, real presence, commemoration and the Eucharist. Less-able candidates were unsure what 'Eucharist' meant, hence did not answer the question well.

This answer appears brief but it gives enough detail/reasons to achieve Level 4.

(c) Holy week is important for most Christians because it remembers the last supper with Jesus and his disciples. It gives meaning to the Eucharist and means they are doing what Jesus said and are 'doing this in remembrance of me'. It is a week of preparation for Easter where they will remember the sacrifice of Jesus in order to save their sins. // They remember the life and teaching of Jesus and follow his example. Priests may wash people's feet as

Jesus did during Holy week. They remember Jesus' betrayal and his suffering which helps them to cope with their own suffering.

On palm Sunday they remember Jesus' humble arrival in Jerusalem.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

This candidate has given one developed reason and two brief reasons.

- They refer to Holy Week as remembering the Last Supper and link this with the Eucharist today
- It is a preparation for Easter
- It recalls key events of Jesus' last week eg washing the disciples' feet



### ResultsPlus Examiner Tip

Be clear about the different events that are remembered at Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

This candidate has made good use of the different beliefs and practices about the Eucharist to answer the question.

(d) (i) I do not think that Jesus is present in the Eucharist. I believe that the Eucharist commemorates the last supper of Jesus and that it fulfils the commandment to 'do this' in remembrance of Jesus. I think that the bread and wine of the Eucharist are used as symbolism of Jesus' body and blood so that Christians remember why they are taking part in the Eucharist. I think this because Jesus was alive when the first 'eucharist' took place in the form of the Last Supper, and so the bread and wine were symbols then, and are also symbols now.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me because Roman Catholic Christians believe that transubstantiation occurs during the Eucharist. This means that the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus. They believe in the 'real presence' of Jesus at mass. Some Christians believe this because at the last supper, Jesus said 'this is my blood, shed for you' and so this is taken literally to mean the wine really is Jesus' blood.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

In part (d) (i), this candidate gives one developed reason and one simple reason.

It is an act of commemoration, developed through referring to Jesus words and to the bread and wine being used as symbols.

In part (d) (ii), they refer correctly to the Catholic view and make three clear points in the process of answering the question.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Tip

In part (b), (c) and (d) questions, candidates can make good use of the key terms to help them to develop their answers.



## Question 7 (a)

Most candidates knew the definition of this key term.

(a) Someone who criticises others for something they do themselves



**ResultsPlus**  
Examiner Comments

This candidate has used alternative wording to the glossary definition, which is acceptable.

## Question 7 (b) (c) (d)

Q7 (b) (c) (d) was the least popular question in this section.

In part (b), the best answers were developed by giving examples from Jesus' teachings eg that getting angry is as bad as murder. Some answers showed that the candidates were not clear what the 'Law of Moses' was, so they found it hard to answer the question with relevant reasons.

A significant number of candidates did not read the question carefully, because they included teachings that were not from the 'Sermon on the Mount', in their answer. These could not be credited with any marks.

In part (d), candidates generally found it easier to give reasons why all Christians should support organisations that work to relieve poverty and suffering in the UK, rather than why they should not.

(c) Sermon on the mount is a guide to show Christians that you should help people no matter what race or background they come from.

The God says you should love your neighbour - all the people around you.

Like in the parables the Samaritan as a old man was beaten up on the road left to die with no money, no food. And 3 three people who was expected of you



would of thought would helped the man on the road- it shows that no matter who you are and if you carry out the religious faith ~~everyone~~ you shouldn't judge a book by it's cover. The parable the sheep and the goat, which is a guide to Christians. If everyone followed the sermon as a guide life would be different everyone will love one another and God will love you back.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

Even though it is clear the candidate has some knowledge of Christian teachings, the material is not from the Sermon on the Mount, nor about money. Therefore there is no rewardable material.

Some of the ways the candidate could have included suitable material, were that Christians should:

- not make money an idol
- not worry about money as God would provide
- focus on living a good life
- not collecting material possessions
- share their wealth by giving to charities.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Tip

Candidates should learn the key teachings from the Sermon on the Mount, as given in the specification.

This candidate gained full marks on each part of the question and demonstrated they had a very good knowledge and understanding of this section.

(b) I think Jesus did change the law of Moses because he taught that thoughts and feelings are just as bad as actions <sup>For example,</sup> ~~they~~ instead of don't ~~commit~~ <sup>murder</sup> Jesus taught us to not even get angry at anybody. Therefore this is changing the law of Moses. Also yes because Jesus said instead of ~~and~~ <sup>hitting</sup> / fighting someone back, we should offer them the other cheek and pray for our enemies so instead of <sup>the law of</sup> ~~Moses~~ which is more the word of the law, Jesus gave us teachings on the Spirit of the law.

(c) Christians use this teaching about money to store spiritual treasures rather than materialistic goods, so they try not to focus on money because Jesus taught that spiritual treasures are worth storing rather than money and goods in this lifetime.

Jesus also said "you cannot serve two masters" and therefore Christians listen to this and do not then take money as a great importance and spend more time with God rather than working

to gain possessions.

Jesus taught in the sermon on the mount that Spiritual treasures last forever, ~~and~~ (eternal life) and so we ~~should~~ focus on trying to achieve eternal life by doing Charity work and helping others when we can<sup>or</sup> use money to love others (e.g. giving to charity).

Jesus also taught that we shouldn't worry because God will look after his followers and if they obey his teachings ~~for~~ <sup>(on the sermon on the mount)</sup> for example do not be greedy. Christians then became aware of the distractions of money and don't have it as important to please God.

(d) (i) I agree, because Jesus teaches us in parables that loving your neighbour and helping (so by supporting these charities) is essential.

We should follow the example of Jesus and support and help people in need so we should give money to organisations.

It is our Christian duty to remove suffering and so by helping and supporting these organisations we are fulfilling our duty.

(ii) Some Christians may disagree with me, because they believe

instead of supporting organisations we should go out and help people ourselves, because that's what Jesus did.

They believe by helping people ourselves we are obeying God's will and can then achieve eternal life.

They believe that some organisations take profit instead of sending all money to charity, <sup>which is selfish,</sup> and so by helping people ourselves this prevents this.



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### Examiner Comments

In part (b), developed reasons are given and the candidate shows a good understanding of the difference between the Law of Moses and Jesus' teachings.

They develop the answer by giving examples.

In part (c), it is clear the candidate knows and makes use of the teachings from the Sermon on the Mount, about money, and explains how Christians use it by giving in different ways eg spending time with God.

This is developed by referring to not serving two masters.

In part (d) (i), three simple reasons are given. Jesus taught that people:

- should love their neighbour
- should follow Jesus' example
- have a duty to help those that suffer.

In part (d) (ii), one developed and one simple reason are given. The candidate uses an alternative approach to the mark scheme, which is a valid response, so gained the full marks.



## ResultsPlus

### Examiner Tip

When using such teaching as the 'Golden Rule', candidates should link it with the question, not just state it.

## Question 8 (a)

Many candidates received only one mark for their answer, because they only stated that 'the monastic life' meant being a monk or a nun and did not refer to such people living together in a religious community.

(a) Monastic life is where you devote yourself to god by living as a monk or a nun.



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**Examiner Comments**

This answer is only partially-correct because the candidate has not referred to living in a religious community.

## Question 8 (b) (c) (d)

Q8 (b) (c) (d) was the most popular question in this section and there was a significant number of high-scoring answers to parts (b), (c), and (d).

In part (b), the better answers made good use of the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount about displaying religion. Other responses made links with section 3 and the reasons for different forms of worship.

In part (c), less-able candidates did not understand the term 'vocation' and so failed to gain any marks. Most candidates could give different ways that Christians can show their vocation in their daily life and work.

Whilst there were many good answers to this question, candidates tended to find it harder to give reasons why Christians should judge others, especially if they linked the concept of judgment with prejudice and discrimination.

(b) I think Christians should only pray in private as prayer is meant to be a personal communication between an individual and God. I don't feel its right to pray out in public and try to force religion onto others and be flaunting that you're religious yourself. It defies the purpose of prayer and may deem it meaningless. However, I believe prayer as a congregation within church is



a type of privacy as everyone is there by choice and guided worship may be helpful to some people.

(c) Christians show vocation through work if they are in a service which helps people such as Doctors or Teachers. In daily life

they may show it by helping those in need or giving to charity. All of this is to help God. "That which you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me." By helping ~~those~~ the needy you are doing God's work on Earth and being a good Christian. Most of the church workers are in the liturgy are where they are because they believe it's their vocation and they can help in the running of the churches and people understand learning of the teachings. However not every job is a vocation

and some may say their calling  
from God is to love and raise a  
family in a loving home.



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#### Examiner Comments

In part (b), the candidate states that prayer is about personal communication. This is developed by linking it with praying in public, which is 'flaunting' one's religion.

The candidate then goes on to give a reason why it is acceptable to pray in public.

This was awarded marks because it was clearly the candidate's own view.

In part (c), amongst the reasons given, the candidate cites three ways:

- jobs that help others
- giving to charity
- raising a family



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#### Examiner Tip

In part (c), if the question asks explain *how*, candidates should think of the ways that something might be shown, rather than giving reasons. Reasons explain *why*.

This candidate has used their knowledge and understanding of Christian teachings about judgment to ensure they give a full answer to the question.

(d) (i) I agree because in the sermon on the mount it says ~~we should~~ instead of judging others we should judge ourselves. Also Jesus uses the examples of the speck and the plank. Instead of judging what's wrong with other people, we should make ourselves perfect first. Another reason I agree is that we shouldn't spend all our time judging others. Instead love our neighbour as ~~it~~ it says in Matthew 22:34-40 and the parable of the good samaritan shows our neighbour is anyone, even our enemy.



(iii) People may disagree because they believe we should judge others and then help them with their faults and make them a better person.

Also some people may agree because they believe to make ourselves a better person we should compare ourselves to them and make sure we don't have the faults they do. Another reason people may disagree is that ~~Jesus~~ Jesus is going to come at the end of time to judge everyone and see who can go to heaven. Therefore if it's ok for Jesus to do it, we should be allowed to as well.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

Part (d) (i) is a full-developed answer about judging ourselves first and is developed by referring to Jesus' teachings.

Part (d) (ii) gives three simple reasons including:

- judging can help others to become better people
- making comparisons with other can help you not have the same faults as them

## Paper Summary

Based on their performance on this paper, candidates are offered the following advice.

- Learn and make use of key terms in answers to the parts of question other than part (a)
- Candidates should ensure that they answer each part from one of the questions only. If they answer a part from the other question, they will not receive marks for all their answers. Candidates might find it helpful to cross out on the exam paper the question they are not going to do, to help prevent this
- Candidates should make sure that they know how religious communities show the love of God and others, as given in the specification in section one
- Be clear about the different events, practices and beliefs associated with Lent, Holy Week and Easter
- In section 4, be clear about the key teachings from the *Sermon on Mount*. as given in the specification
- Practice answering exam questions in about 20 minutes so that there is no haste, or failure, to finish the paper
- In section one, where four marks are awarded for SPaG, candidates should re-read their work to check for careless errors and to remember to make appropriate use of capital letters for proper nouns eg 'Holy Spirit' and 'Trinity'
- When using such teachings as the *Golden Rule* in an answer, ensure that it is linked with the question being asked
- In part (b) questions, answers can be developed by giving examples, or linking with beliefs or key teachings. Two developed reasons are all that is needed to gain full marks
- In part (d) (ii), candidates should give reasons why some people would hold an opposing view to them and not just state that they do not believe, or accept the view the candidate has given in (d) (i)
- Pre-plan how best to structure answers for the different parts of the questions

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