

Religious Studies  
Advanced  
PAPER 4: Study of Religion  
Option 4B: Christianity

Total Marks
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Time: 2 hours

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**YOU MUST HAVE**

**Nil**

**YOU WILL BE GIVEN**

**Nil**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**There are THREE sections in this question paper. Answer ALL the questions in each section.**

**Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.**

**INFORMATION**

**The total mark for this paper is 80.**

**The marks for EACH question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.**

**ADVICE**

**Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.**

**Check your answers if you have time at the end.**

## SECTION A

**Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

- 1 Explore key themes of Black theology.  
(8 marks)**

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**(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)**

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**2 Assess the Christian belief that the Bible is the word of God.  
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**(Total for Question 2 = 12 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS**

## **SECTION B**

**Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

**Read the following passage before answering the questions.**

**What you believe has a very significant impact on life and thought...how deeply we hold our beliefs, and the impact that they make on everything. Dawkins is right – beliefs are critical. We base our lives on them; they shape our decisions about the most fundamental things. I can still remember the turbulence that I found myself experiencing on making the intellectually painful (yet rewarding) transition from atheism to Christianity. Every part of my mental furniture had to be rearranged. Dawkins is correct – unquestionably correct – when he demands that we should not base our lives on delusions. We all need to examine our beliefs – especially if we are naïve enough to think that we don’t have any in the first place. But who, I wonder, is really deluded about God? ...our beliefs may be shown to be justifiable, without thereby demonstrating that they are proven... [But] Dawkins insists that Christian belief is “a persistently false belief held in the face of strong contradictory evidence.”**

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- 3 (a) Clarify McGrath's ideas, illustrated in this passage, about examining our beliefs.

**You must refer to the passage in your response.**

**(10 marks)**

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**(b) Analyse the strengths of McGrath's critique of Dawkins.  
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**TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS**



## SECTION C

**Write your answer in the space provided.**

- 4 Evaluate the significance of the Eucharist for believers.**

**In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Christianity have been influenced by ONE of the following:**

- **Philosophy of Religion**
- **Religion and Ethics.**

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS**

**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 80 MARKS**

**END OF PAPER**

## **SOURCE INFORMATION**

### **Question 3**

**(Source: extract adapted from ‘The Dawkins Delusion’, McGrath, A., Edexcel Anthology)**