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Introduction

The Pearson Edexcel Entry Level Certificate in Religious Studies is designed for use in schools or colleges. It is part of a suite of Entry Level qualifications offered by Pearson.

These sample assessment materials have been developed to support this qualification and will be used as the benchmark to develop the live assessments that students will take.

General marking guidance

- All students must receive the same treatment. Teachers must mark the last student in exactly the same way as they mark the first.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Students must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Teachers should mark according to the mark scheme.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Teachers should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Teachers should also be prepared to award zero marks if the student's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded, and exemplification/indicative content will not be exhaustive.
- Crossed-out work should be marked **unless** the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

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Religious Studies

PAPER 1: Catholic Beliefs, Teachings and Practices

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Answer ALL questions.

Life after death

1 Draw a line to match the words with the definitions.

The first one has been done for you.

Heaven	A life with God after we die. This lasts forever.
Hell	A preparation for heaven for people who are not ready.
Purgatory	The body returning to life after death.
Resurrection	Life away from God after we die for people who reject God.

(Total for Question 1 = 3 marks)

The Trinity

2 Complete the sentences by putting a tick (✓) next to the correct option. The first one has been done for you.

The Nicene Creed says Heaven and earth was made by ...

- God the Father.
- God the Son.
- God the Holy Spirit.

(a) The Nicene Creed says the Holy Spirit ...

(1)

- has spoken through the prophets.
- existed before God.
- rose from the dead.

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(b) Nicene Creed says that Jesus ... (1)

- fed 5,000 people.
- walked on the water.
- became human to save everyone.

(c) The Bible says when Jesus was baptised, the Holy Spirit ... (1)

- spoke to everyone.
- came down from heaven as a dove.
- made the sign of the cross.

(d) Catholics show they remember the Trinity by ... (1)

- kneeling in church.
- giving money to the poor.
- making the sign of the cross when they pray.

(Total for Question 2 = 4 marks)

The Creation

3 (a) Catholics believe that God gave us **dominion** over the world.

What does **dominion** mean? (1)

(b) Catholics also believe that God gave us **stewardship**. This means we have a responsibility to look after the world.

Give **two examples** of how Catholics can help look after the world. (2)

- 1
- 2

(Total for Question 3 = 3 marks)

Pilgrimage

4 Draw a line to match the places of pilgrimage with information about them.

Lourdes

Where Jesus died and rose again

Rome

Where Mary appeared to St Bernadette

Jerusalem

Where the Pope lives

(Total for Question 4 = 3 marks)

The Catholic Mass

5 Complete the sentences using words from the box. The first one has been done for you. There are more words than you need.

forgiveness

Word

spirit

Gospel

blood

Bible

soul

Eucharist

In the Introductory Rite, the priest welcomes people, and they ask for

forgiveness

..... . Then comes the Liturgy of

the, which has readings from the

....., including the Gospel.

Then is the Liturgy of the, when the priest prays

for the Holy Spirit to transform the bread and wine into the body and the

..... of Jesus.

(Total for Question 5 = 4 marks)

Prayer

6 (a) One type of set (formulaic) prayer is the Lord's Prayer.

Name **one** other type of set prayer used by Catholics.

(1)

(b) One reason why Catholics pray to God is to **praise** him.

Give **two more** reasons why Catholics pray to God.

(2)

1

2

(Total for Question 6 = 3 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 20 MARKS

SAMs Paper 1 – Catholic Beliefs, Teachings and Practices – mark scheme

Question number	Answer	Mark
1	<p>One mark for each correctly drawn line:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hell — life away from God after we die for people who reject God. • Purgatory — a preparation for heaven for people who are not ready. • Resurrection — the body returning to life after death. 	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has spoken through the prophets. 	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2 (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • became human to save everyone. 	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2 (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • came down from heaven as a dove. 	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2 (d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • making the sign of the cross when they pray. 	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(a)	<p>One mark for a correct definition or synonym, which includes any of the following ideas, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • control • authority • power • rule (over). <p>Accept any other valid answer which conveys the same idea, including answers of more than one word.</p>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(b)	<p>One mark for each named action. Possible answers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • care for animals (1) • care for the environment (1) • recycling (1) • action against climate change (1) • supporting CAFOD or other relevant charities (1) • praying for it (1). <p>Accept any other valid answer.</p>	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4	<p>One mark for each correctly drawn line:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lourdes — where Mary appeared to St Bernadette. • Rome — where the Pope lives. • Jerusalem — where Jesus died and rose again. 	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
5	<p>One mark for each correctly completed gap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Then comes the Liturgy of the <u>Word</u> which has readings from the <u>Bible</u> including the Gospel. • Then is the Liturgy of the <u>Eucharist</u>, when the priest prays for the Holy Spirit to transform the bread and wine into the body and the <u>blood</u> of Jesus. 	(4)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6 (a)	<p>Possible answers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hail Mary • The Creed • Glory Be <p>Do not accept 'Our Father' as this is given in the question.</p> <p>Accept any other valid answer.</p>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6 (b)	<p>In each case, accept either a description of its purpose (e.g. <i>'to give thanks'</i>) or the more formal name for this prayer (<i>'thanksgiving'</i>) up to a maximum of two marks.</p> <p>Possible answers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to give thanks / thanksgiving (1) • to ask forgiveness / repentance (1) • to ask for someone else / intercession (1) • to ask for yourself / petition (1) <p>Accept any other valid answer.</p>	(2)

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Religious Studies

PAPER 2: Catholic Wisdom and Living

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Answer ALL questions.

The Bible

1 Put a tick (✓) to show if each statement is about the Old Testament or New Testament.

The first one has been done for you.

	Old Testament	New Testament
It is the story of Jesus and the early Church.		✓
It is the story of the people of Israel before Jesus.		
It contains the Gospels.		
It contains books about the prophets.		
It contains letters written to early church communities.		

(Total for Question 1 = 4 marks)

Making ethical decisions

2 Complete the sentences by putting a tick (✓) next to the correct option. The first one has been done for you.

Jesus showed great love by...

- helping the poor and sick.
- helping children to read.
- helping the environment.

(a) In the Gospels, Jesus showed forgiveness to the people who...

(1)

- burgled his house.
- crucified him.
- stole his donkey.

(b) Jesus showed he was a servant by...

(1)

- cooking food for his disciples.
- doing the housework.
- washing his disciples' feet.

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(c) Jesus wanted to...

(1)

- show a new way to understand Jewish law.
- replace Jewish law.
- show that we do not need laws.

(Total for Question 2 = 3 marks)

The Church as the Body of Christ

3 (a) Catholics believe that the **laity** have an important role in parish life.

Who are the '**laity**'?

(1)

(b) Catholics believe that the Church is like the Body of Christ in the world today.

For example, the Church is living.

Give **two** more ways that the Church is like the Body of Christ.

(2)

1

2

(Total for Question 3 = 3 marks)

Features of a Catholic church

4 Draw a line to match the features of the church with the correct information.

The first one has been done for you:

Altar	Where the bread and wine is turned into the body and blood of Christ.
Lectern	Where babies are baptised.
Tabernacle	Where the priest reads from the Bible.
Font	Where the Eucharist (consecrated host) is kept.

(Total for Question 4 = 3 marks)

Sculptures and statues

5 Complete the sentences using words from the box. The first one has been done for you. There are more words than you need.

remember	kissing	candles	hitting
kneeling	paintings	hiding	fires

Catholics use sculpture and statues to **remember** the person or event shown.

People also use sculptures and statues to help them pray by:

- in front of them
- touching or them
- lighting in front of them.

(Total for Question 5 = 3 marks)

Music in worship

6 (a) Music plays an important part in the Mass.

Name **two types** of music used by Catholics in the Mass.

(2)

- 1
- 2

(b) Why is music important in Catholic worship?

For example: To bring people together.

Give **two** more reasons why music is important in Catholic worship.

(2)

- 1
- 2

(Total for Question 6 = 4 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 20 MARKS

SAMs Paper 2 – Catholic wisdom and living – mark scheme

Question number	Answer	Mark		
1	One mark for each correct tick:	(4)		
			Old Testament	New Testament
	It is the story of the people of Israel before Jesus.		✓	
	It contains the Gospels.			✓
	It contains books about the prophets.		✓	
	It contains letters written to early church communities.		✓	

Question number	Answer	Mark
2 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> crucified him. 	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2 (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> washing his disciples' feet. 	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2 (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> show a new way to understand Jewish law. 	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(a)	<p>One mark for a correct definition, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ordinary people the congregation people who are not clergy / ordained / priests. <p>Accept any other valid answer which conveys the same idea.</p>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(b)	<p>One mark for each example up to a maximum of two marks. Possible answers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus is the head. (1) The Church needs its head to survive, like a body does. (1) Catholics work together like parts of the body. (1) The Church is carrying on the work of Christ in the world today. (1) <p>Accept any other valid answer.</p>	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4	<p>One mark for each correctly drawn line:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectern — Where the priest reads from the Bible. • Tabernacle — Where the Eucharist (consecrated host) is kept. • Font — Where babies are baptised. 	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
5	<p>One mark for each correctly completed gap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Kneeling</u> in front of them. • Touching or <u>kissing</u> them. • Lighting <u>candles</u> in front of them. 	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6 (a)	<p>On mark for each correct answer up to a maximum of two marks. Possible answers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acclamations (1) • hymns (1) • carols (1) • psalms (1) • modern music (1). <p>Accept any other valid answer.</p>	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6 (b)	<p>On mark for each correct answer up to a maximum of two marks. Possible answers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to mark important parts of the Mass (1) • to express belief (1) • to give thanks to God (1) • to praise God (1) • to celebrate festivals (1) • singing is another way of praying (1). <p>Accept any other valid answer.</p>	(2)

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PAPER 3: Jewish Beliefs, Teachings and Practices

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Answer ALL questions.**The nature of God**

1 Draw a line to match the ideas of God in the Torah with the descriptions.

The first one has been done for you.

One	There is only one God.
Creator	God made rules for how to live.
Law giver	God made the world.
Judge	God will decide if Jews have followed the Torah correctly.

(Total for Question 1 = 3 marks)

The Covenant with Moses

2 Put these events into the correct order (1–4).

The first one has been done for you.

Event	Order
Moses gave the Commandments to the Israelites.	
Moses received the 10 Commandments from God.	
Moses led the Israelites through the wilderness.	1
Moses was called by God to go up Mount Sinai.	

(Total for Question 2 = 3 marks)

The Mitzvot

3 (a) Jews believe that God gave them the Mitzvot.

Give another word for **Mitzvot**.

(1)

(b) In which religious book can you find the Mitzvot?

(1)

(c) Jews see the Mitzvot as very important.

Give **two reasons** why the Mitzvot are important to Jews.

(2)

1

2

(Total for Question 3 = 4 marks)

Shabbat

4 Say if each statement is **true** or **false**.

The first one has been done as an example for you:

Statement	True or False?
Shabbat is the name for the Jewish day of rest.	true
Shabbat begins on Friday evening.	
Shabbat ends on Monday morning.	
Jews can work at Shabbat.	
It is traditional to eat a special meal at home at Shabbat.	

(Total for Question 4 = 4 marks)

Rituals

5 Complete the sentences by putting a tick (✓) next to the correct option. The first one has been done for you.

During Brit Milah a baby boy is...

- washed.
- circumcised.
- given a name.

(a) A Bar Mitzvah happens when a Jewish boy is...

(1)

- 7 years old.
- 13 years old.
- 21 years old.

(b) At a Jewish wedding, the couple often break...

(1)

- a glass.
- a chair.
- a window.

(c) The first seven days of mourning is called...

(1)

Talmud.

Tenakh.

Shiva.

(Total for Question 5 = 3 marks)

The Shema and Amidah

6 The Shema and Amidah are Jewish prayers.

(a) How many times a day do people say the Shema prayer?

(1)

(b) On which part of a house can you find the Mezuzah?

(1)

(c) In what building do people usually say the Amidah?

(1)

(Total for Question 6 = 3 marks)

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SAMs Paper 3 – Jewish Beliefs, Teachings and Practices – mark scheme

Question number	Answer	Mark
1	<p>One mark for each correctly drawn line:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creator — God made the world. • Law giver — God made rules for how to live. • Judge — God will decide if Jews have followed the Torah correctly. 	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark								
2	<p>One mark for each correct number.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Event</th> <th>Order</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Moses gave the Commandments to the Israelites.</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Moses received the 10 Commandments from God.</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Moses was called by God to go up Mount Sinai.</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Event	Order	Moses gave the Commandments to the Israelites.	4	Moses received the 10 Commandments from God.	3	Moses was called by God to go up Mount Sinai.	2	(3)
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Moses received the 10 Commandments from God.	3									
Moses was called by God to go up Mount Sinai.	2									

Question number	Answer	Mark
3 (a)	<p>One mark for a correct definition, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • laws • rules • commandments. <p>Accept any other valid answer which conveys the same idea.</p>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3 (b)	<p>One mark for a suitable answer, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Torah • the Jewish Bible. <p>Also accept other valid answers, e.g. Tenakh, Sefer Mada. Accept misspellings if it is clear what word is meant.</p>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3 (c)	<p>One mark for each example up to a maximum of two marks. Possible answers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mitzvot are a gift from God. (1) • Following the Law is a way to thank God. (1) • The Law shows them the best way to live. (1) • They were given to Moses by God. (1) <p>Accept any other valid answer.</p>	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark										
4	One mark for each correct answer. <table border="1" data-bbox="359 324 1114 638"> <thead> <tr> <th>Statement</th> <th>True or False</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Shabbat begins on Friday evening</td> <td>True</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shabbat ends on Monday morning</td> <td>False</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jews can work at Shabbat</td> <td>False</td> </tr> <tr> <td>It is traditional to eat a special meal at home at Shabbat</td> <td>True</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Statement	True or False	Shabbat begins on Friday evening	True	Shabbat ends on Monday morning	False	Jews can work at Shabbat	False	It is traditional to eat a special meal at home at Shabbat	True	(4)
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It is traditional to eat a special meal at home at Shabbat	True											

Question number	Answer	Mark
5 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 years old 	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
5 (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a glass 	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
5 (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shiva 	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6 (a)	One mark for either answer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> twice a day three times a day. 	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6 (b)	One mark for a valid answer, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> door frame the entrance to a house. Accept any other answer that conveys the same idea.	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6 (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a synagogue Accept misspellings if it is clear what word is meant.	(1)

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Answer ALL questions.

The design argument

1 The design argument is used to prove that God exists.

Put these statements in the correct order (1–4).

The first one has been done for you.

	Order
A designed world needs a designer.	
Therefore God must exist.	
The world appears to be designed.	1
This designer could only be God.	

(Total for Question 1 = 3 marks)

Revelation

2 Complete the sentences using words from the box. The first one has been done for you. There are more words than you need.

final	loving	Noah	Moses
saints	revelation	strict	first

For Catholics, revelation means how God has made himself

known to humans. Revelation took place in the Old Testament, for example when

God spoke to through the burning bush.

Catholics believe that Jesus is the complete and

revelation of God.

The revelation of Jesus shows that God is powerful,

and merciful.

(Total for Question 2 = 3 marks)

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Visions

3 (a) Give **two** examples of religious visions.

You can use examples of

- visions recorded in the Bible
- visions seen by Christians after the time of Jesus.

(2)

1

2

(b) Some non-religious people do **not** believe visions are real.

Give **two** reasons why some non-religious people do **not** believe visions are real.

(2)

1

2

(Total for Question 3 = 4 marks)

Marriage

4 Draw a line to match the words with the correct purpose of a Catholic marriage.

The first one has been done for you.

Loving	A relationship of love and faithfulness
Lifelong	Open to having children
Exclusive	Giving support and comfort until death
Life giving	Committed to just one person

(Total for Question 4 = 3 marks)

Divorce and annulment

5 Complete the sentences using words from the box. There are more words than you need.

annulled	honeymoon	register	remarry
sacrament	church	divorced	

If people get, they cannot

..... in church. This is because the Catholic Church

teaches that they are still married in the eyes of God.

If a marriage is this means that for the

Catholic Church the marriage was not valid and did not exist. Then it is OK for them

to get married in a

(Total for Question 5 = 4 marks)

Equality of men and women

6 (a) In the Bible, Jesus treated women with kindness and respect.

Give **one** example from the Bible that shows this.

(1)

(b) Women cannot be priests, but they can have other roles in the Catholic Church.

Give **two** examples.

(2)

1

2

(Total for Question 6 = 3 marks)

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SAMs Paper 4 – Catholic Philosophy and Ethics – mark scheme

Question number	Answer	Mark
1	One mark for each correct number: A designed world needs a designer — 2 Therefore God must exist — 4 This designer could only be God — 3	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2	One mark for each correct option: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revelation took place in the Old Testament, for example when God spoke to <u>Moses</u> through the burning bush. Catholics believe that Jesus is the complete and <u>final</u> revelation of God. The revelation of Jesus shows that God is powerful, <u>loving</u> and merciful. 	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3 (a)	One mark for an appropriate example up to a maximum of 2 marks. Possible answers include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joan of Arc had a vision of St Michael. (1) Bernadette had visions of Mary. (1) Abraham had a vision where God promised him a son [also accept simply 'God promised Abraham a son']. (1) Jesus [and/or] His disciples saw Moses [and/or] Elijah at the Transfiguration [also accept Jesus / Jesus's disciples saw a vision at the Transfiguration]. (1) Accept any other valid example. It is not enough to say <i>who</i> had a vision; there must be enough information to identify it, e.g. by including either what the vision was about or when/where it occurred.	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3 (b)	One mark for each valid reason up to a maximum of two marks. Possible answers include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is not enough evidence. (1) They could be made up / people could be lying. (1) They could be hallucinations / imagined. (1) People may be misunderstanding what they are seeing. (1) Accept any other valid answer.	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4	<p>One mark for each correct option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifelong — Giving support and comfort until death • Exclusive — Committed to just one person • Life giving — Open to having children 	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
5	<p>One mark for each correct answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If people get <u>divorced</u>, they cannot <u>remarry</u> in church. This is because the Catholic Church teaches that they are still sacramentally married. • If a marriage is <u>annulled</u> this means that for the Catholic Church the marriage was not valid and did not exist. Then it is OK for them to get married in a <u>church</u>. 	(4)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6 (a)	<p>One mark for a valid answer. Possible answers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He taught that women had a right to hear the Gospel. • He had friendships with women followers such as Martha and Mary. • The Samaritan woman at the well. • The woman accused of adultery. <p>Accept any other valid answer</p>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6 (b)	<p>One mark for each valid answer up to a maximum of two marks.</p> <p>Possible answers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catechist (1) • Reader (1) • (Extraordinary) Ministers of Holy Communion (1) <p>Accept any other valid answer.</p>	(2)

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