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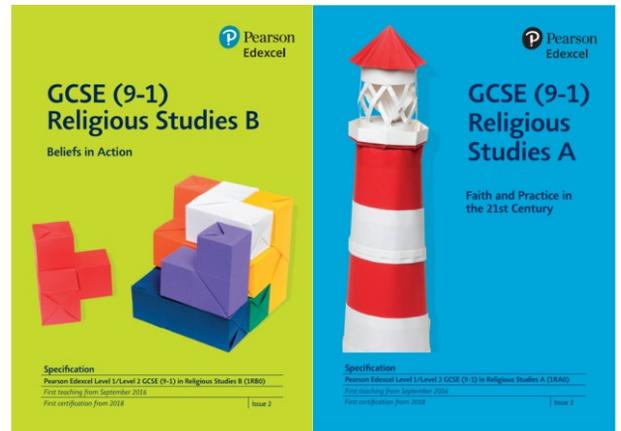
## (d) 'Evaluation' exemplar answers: Christianity

### About this resource

The exemplars within this pack include answers which focus on **Christianity** as the chosen religion.

All were taken from the 2023 exam series with marks awarded spanning the mark and level range\*

All exemplars were marked against the amended level descriptors.

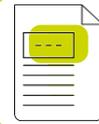


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### Level Descriptors

Our extended evaluation questions are level-marked rather than point-marked. This involves the examiner reading through the whole answer before awarding a level using a best-fit approach. A mark is then decided based on how well it meets the descriptors within that level.

Level	Mark	Descriptor
N/A	0	No rewardable response.
1	1-3	A superficial analysis of the statement that uses undeveloped arguments, underpinned by isolated elements of understanding of religion and belief. Judgements are asserted without clear links to the analysis.
2	4-6	A basic analysis of the statement that uses some developed arguments to discuss different points of view, underpinned by limited understanding of religion and belief. This leads to simple judgements which have some links to the analysis, leading to a conclusion with limited justification.
3	7-9	A good analysis of the statement that uses logical chains of reasoning to discuss different points of view, underpinned by a sound understanding of religion and belief. This leads to reasoned judgements which are clearly linked to the analysis, leading to a partially justified conclusion.
4	10-12	A sustained and coherent analysis of the statement that uses logical chains of reasoning to discuss different points of view, underpinned by thorough understanding of religion and belief. This leads to reasoned judgements supported by the appraisal of arguments, leading to a justified conclusion that is consistent with the analysis.

'Point(s) of view' always means arguments for and against the statement. Where specified in the bullet points under the question, it may also include one of the following:

- different views within the religion
- non-religious views
- philosophical arguments
- ethical arguments.

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### Example 1: Level 1 – 1 Mark

'The local church is essential for the individual believer.'

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response, you should:

- refer to Christian teachings
- reach a justified conclusion

#### Student Answer (Page 1 of 1):

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Some Christians may agree with the statement as it can help individuals feel a sense of community and belonging.

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### Example 2: Level 1 – 3 Marks

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Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Christian teachings
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Many Christians agree to this statement that "The local church is essential for the individual believers". The connection between the individual person ~~at~~ and god becomes stronger and helps guide them through life. As god says "Come let us bow down in worship.", this personally and spiritually helps the mindset of a individual believer.

Furthermore, through prayer and understanding this religious aspect guides a young individual through life and god teaches them morals and values of life when it says "Worship your god with all your heart and all your mind". Many Christians, Catholic, protestant, ~~and orthodox~~ and many other different denomination, use Jesus life as a guide in life and do their best to have

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### Example 2: Level 1 – 3 Marks

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attributes and perspective of Jesus.

However some Humanist and atheist may say a individual believer is free to think and live the way they want, no church preist or local parish should tell them how to live or how to behave correctly in life. They say enjoy your own life and find your own self a way of life. Some say you should not pressure an ~~individual~~ individual to believe in a god and have a religion, they are free to do what ever they like.

In summation the most conjusive argument related to this statement is that a individual believer should go to their local church for help, advice or to build a connection with god and learn mene about christianity.

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### Example 3: Level 2 – 4 Marks

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Many Christians will agree with the statement because going to church means you can connect with other Christians and meet new people. You can also worship with them and perform group prayer. If you attend the local church when a believer goes through times of struggle they will be able to provide even more help and care. However, this is not essential as if you can still be a Christian through private worship. This will help create a unique bond with God. However, you need to do sacraments in order to be considered a Christian, things like Confession involve going to the local church.

In conclusion, the local church should be a key thing in a Christian life. This is because it provides support for the individual believer and provides an opportunity to connect with other believers. However, it is

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'The universe is a commodity to be used as humans want.'

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Some Christians may disagree with the statement as God created the universe as a gift to humans. For example, the Bible says that ~~rule over the fish~~ <sup>Everything that lives or breathes is good for you</sup>. This means that the earth + universe exists to serve humans.

However, another reason why some Christians may agree with the statement is because humans are superior to animals. For example, <sup>the Bible says</sup> God made man in his own image. This means that humans should use the universe as a commodity as they are above animals.

However, some Christians may disagree as they believe that the earth is a gift they must care for as stewards. For example, the Bible says to "Rule over the fish in the sea".

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This could be interpreted to mean that humans should be stewards of the universe and run it in a caring way.

In conclusion, humans should be stewards for the earth as ~~it~~ it is a gift from God ~~and~~ and not a commodity.

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### Example 5: Level 2 – 6 Marks

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#### Student Answer (Page 1 of 2):

*no cause non literate private prayer god is present*  
*"little children come to me"*  
*learn from teachings*  
*love thy neighbour*  
*helpful not essential*  
*shelter charity (all churches)*  
*counselling*  
*secretly*  
*even baptist holy orders penance*  
*all are one in s*  
*shepherds of gods flock*  
*learn from teachings*  
*from aid (all churches)*

In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.

(d) 'The local church is essential for the individual believer.'  
Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

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Christians can agree with this statement as the Church is a place of worship where Christians can honour, thank and receive guidance from God.

The local church may help with family matters for example it can offer counselling for parents, it can teach young children the faith on Sunday school, 'love thy neighbour' and it can help offer advice for drug abuse and mental health.

Furthermore, the local church is the place where ceremonies and sacraments usually take place for example sacred baptisms, 'baptise them in the name of the father the son and the holy spirit', that are blessed by God. Marriages and eucharist ceremonies are also carried out in the church as well as holy orders and penance.

In addition, the local church offers a way to bring the local Christian communities together,

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and it can offer shelter for the homeless or people in poverty, food banks, charity fundraisers. Churches may also help larger charities for example Christian Aid which is partnered with 41 churches.

However, some Christians may argue that the local church may be useful, but it is not essential for an individual believer. This may be due to the fact that Christians can still "bow down in worship" and "worship with all their heart and mind" outside of the church, meaning they can still establish and maintain a close bond with God without the necessity of the church. Either way, "all are one in Jesus".  
~~Some Christians~~ Also some Christians may not have easy access to a church.

In the end, I would say that although a church can be a useful, compassionate place for Christians, it is not essential and doesn't have to be the center of their faith.

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### Example 6: Level 3 – 7 Marks

'Both men and women should be leaders in the Church.'

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Ordained Catholic women  
Christian Aid Tear fund  
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Christians believe that both men and women were created equal "in God's image", ~~Reis~~ but they have different, yet complementary, roles. This is seen in not only Genesis 2 and three, where Eve was made as a "helpmate" for Adam, but also in the biological differences, when men and women are physically different, for example women have the correct organs to carry life and be mothers. Furthermore, Evangelicals and Catholics believe that women should not be in positions of leadership, which is reflected in the structure of the Church. This is a strong argument, as positions of leadership may distract a woman from her duties as a mother.

However, liberal Christians and Protestants argue that since men and women are equal, they women are allowed to be leaders in a church. This is ~~impro~~ a strong argument because Jesus taught Christians to "love one another" instead of discriminating against someone because of their gender. Furthermore, there are many Christian organisations like Tear fund or Christian Aid which fight against the mistreatment of women, so some may argue why

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does it still happen in Churches. To combat this, protests have happened and groups like 'Ordained Catholic Women' have formed to aid the fight for equality, especially in Church leadership.

On the other hand, Atheists and Humanists, despite not having a religion, argue that men and women are equal and should be treated so (non-religious nations). Elizabeth Cady Stanton <sup>an atheist feminist</sup> also argued that the Bible <sup>is</sup> the biggest stumbling block in the emancipation of women. This therefore suggests that without the Bible, women would be treated as equals to men.

Ultimately God wants all of creation to 'love one another' ~~therefore~~ while 'spreading the Gospel to all creation'. This means that Christians should not discriminate against women as ~~we~~ we are all equal in the eyes of God. Furthermore God said that there is 'neither Jew nor gentile', 'slave nor free' but there is 'the man and woman who are equal in the eyes of Jesus'.

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Some Christians may agree with this because the local church is supposed to have the duty of ~~establishing~~ <sup>spreading the teaching of</sup> ~~representing~~ Jesus on Earth and giving to charities and ~~that~~ by funding community projects they can spread the word of God and can bring people to God in a bigger way than just a few people can on ~~their~~ their own, and is the greatest way of fulfilling Jesus' command to "Go out into the world and spread the Gospel to all creation".

Others ~~may disagree~~ Christians may disagree and may argue that the Bible is the only thing that's necessary for the individual believer as the actual actions of Jesus is written in it <sup>so</sup> ~~as to imitate~~. This is a weak argument because even Jesus went to church and encouraged his disciples to establish churches too. So therefore even though the Bible says "The word is God and whoever lives in him lives in God and God in him", the Church is still necessary as a believer in order to access this word, Jesus

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Some Christians may agree with this statement because the local Church encourages people and helps them build their faith with one another in harmony and unity like Jesus and his disciples instead of just on ~~his own~~ his own. This is a strong argument because if even Jesus didn't live on his own and he is the example of who Christians should be replicating, we too, need the local Church and it is essential for the building up of the Christian faith.

In conclusion, the strongest argument is that the local church is essential because even though other things seem to prove necessary for the individual believer, it is the local church that Jesus calls them to access and through which, other commandments and duties can come about in the first place.

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Most christians would ~~dis~~agree with the statement because they believe God gifted them the earth and that it is their responsibility to look after it; they are the "stewards" of this earth. The evidence for this is the story of the genesis where all creation is described and God says "For you are the rulers of the earth... rulers of the fish in the sea and every creature living!". This quite successfully suggests that God gifted christians the earth to look after as they are the 'rulers' of it. Since the christians are the rulers of the earth they can consider it as a commodity and use it however they want. Furthermore, God has given humans free will to do good or bad on earth, to protect or destroy what they have been gifted. I think this is a credible argument because all the points validate the statement and humans can consider the universe a commodity.

Some christians would disagree with the statement because they believe God used his power and effort to make the universe,

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mentioned in Genesis story that he created the universe in 6 days and rested on the seventh. This implies that it would not be a loving thing to do to disrespect the earth 'gifted' to Christians as God made it with love & affection. The bible also states that the believers are "stewards" and it is their responsibility to look after the earth, not damage/ruin it. This argument is also equally as credible because it respects the value and nature of the earth to be treated with the same love & affection it was made with.

Overall I think the argument for and against are both equally as strong as each other because they both explore how humans have free will so can use the universe as they want.

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Some Christians may agree with the given statement and argue that the local church is essential for the individual believer. This is because they may argue that the local church provides a means to be introduced to the Christian faith and learn more about the faith. This argument is incredibly strong because local churches are often easily accessible and available for individual time to learn about Christianity.

Furthermore, some may further highlight the importance of the local church because it allows for individuals to receive spiritual, practical and educational advice. Sources of authority, such as a Minister or Vicar can provide <sup>more</sup> personal advice, thus strengthening the importance of the given statement as the local church provides Christians with the opportunity to seek both advice and moreover, judgement. The argument is therefore strong because the local church provides means of identity and support for Christians, which strengthens the given argument as it means individuals can easily communicate with God and share their beliefs with others who share similar beliefs, therefore strengthening the statement.

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However, others may disagree with the given argument and say that the most essential thing for the individual ~~believer~~ <sup>believer</sup> is faith in God alone. In Christianity, it teaches the importance of worship alone and with others as essential for the individual believer in place of the local church. This argument is strong as worship allows Christians to develop their own personal relationship with God and thus communicate and develop a closer ~~with~~ <sup>relationship</sup> bond with him. Furthermore, this argument may be strengthened by the Bible teaching which informs Christians ~~that~~ <sup>to</sup> 'Go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen' as 'he who sees what is done in secret will reward you'. This strengthens the argument that instead of the local church, faith is important for the individual believer as it permits them to grow spiritually and essentially, enhances their bond with God. However, some may argue this as weak instead highlighting the importance of the local church as that also allows individual believers to worship God, therefore proving that the local church is still essential.

~~In conclusion,~~ After considering both arguments, I would agree that the ~~given~~ <sup>stronger</sup> argument in favour of the given statement is strongest as it provides Christians with the opportunity to seek support and come to know God in a stable environment where they will be supported by others. Although I can understand why some may not appreciate the necessity of the local church, I would agree that the ~~given~~ <sup>stronger</sup> statement is still <sup>(Total for Question 3 = 27 marks)</sup> <sup>Total</sup> 27 strongest as it provides Christians with the opportunity to connect with God within a community.

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'Both men and women should be leaders in the Church.'

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

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(d) "Both men and women should be leaders in the Church."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

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Some Christians may disagree with this statement because the bible teaches that men and women have different roles and expectations in the church that are God given and should not be rejected due to God being the giver of life. This is because women are taught to be much more subservient, submissive and quiet in the Bible, that is their God given role and they should retain these qualities with the church where it means the Mass. This is because the Bible states that a "woman should not overpower a man" this can be followed by "woman should worship in quiet" this suggests that women should not be as powerful as men in the church, but should be told what to do by the head of church, a man. God has given men the ability to lead and have agency and control in the church as we often see them holding religious services as bishops or popes. Whereas women have the no role other than to simply worship, which is shown in churches

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today as there are few woman leaders in the church, if any significant role at all. However, some may argue that this is a weak argument because the bible was written many years ago and does not keep up with modern society.

However, a christian may ~~not~~ agree with this statement because christianity and many christian churches teach that it is a fair religion promoting gender equality. This is because both men and woman are created in the same way, in the image of god and therefore should not be treated differently. Alongside this many churches have been to adapt the bible to modern society giving woman the role of bishops too and ~~being~~ are becoming a much more power member of the church gradually. Alongside this the bible states "men aren't independent from woman and woman aren't independent from men" this shows that woman and men were created equally and therefore should have the same roles within the church are to no gender being inferior and his or hers capable, but instead are able to do the same things. Furthermore, men and a woman should have the same opportunity to be leaders of the

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church as they both are able to understand and preach the gospel as believers. However some may argue that this is wrong because women are told to have been made to only support men as leaders and not be leader of the church in the bible.

Having evaluated both statements the stronger argument is for this statement because churches are starting to allow women to lead and support charities advocating for gender equality, which includes their role with in the church. ~~whereas~~ as both genders are able to understand and preach the gospel, which is the purpose of their role as humans in the bible.

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