

Religious Studies A
PAPER 1: Area of Study 1 –
Study of Religion
Option 1A – Catholic Christianity

Total Marks

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

In the boxes below, write your name, centre number and candidate number.

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YOU MUST HAVE

Nil

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Nil

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ALL questions.

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

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 102.

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

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Questions labelled with an ASTERISK (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed – you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the use of specialist terminology.

The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.

Try to answer every question.

Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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

Question 1: Beliefs and Teachings

- 1 (a) Outline **THREE** events of the death and resurrection of Jesus.
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(b) Explain TWO reasons why belief in the Trinity is important to Catholics. (4 marks)

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(c) Explain TWO reasons why belief in Jesus as fully human and fully God is important to Catholics.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
(5 marks)**

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

***(d) “The Creation account is literally true.”**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Catholic teachings**
- refer to different Christian points of view**
- reach a justified conclusion.**

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Question 2: Practices

- 2 (a) Outline THREE reasons why Catholics may pray.
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**(b) Describe TWO different attitudes towards liturgical worship in Catholic Christianity and other forms of the main religious tradition of Great Britain.
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(c) Explain TWO purposes of the funeral rite for Catholics.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
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(d) “Popular piety allows a deeper connection with God.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- **refer to Catholic teachings**
- **refer to different Christian points of view**
- **reach a justified conclusion.**

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Question 3: Sources of Wisdom and Authority

- 3 (a) Outline THREE reasons Catholics believe that the Church is holy.
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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why Catholics think Mary is a model of faith.
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(c) Explain TWO changes that followed the Second Vatican Council.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
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In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.

***(d) “The teachings of Jesus are all a person needs to make ethical decisions.”**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Catholic teachings**
- refer to different Christian points of view**
- reach a justified conclusion.**

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Question 4: Forms of Expression and Ways of Life

- 4 (a) Outline **THREE** architectural features of a church.
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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why some Catholics believe traditional music is the best music for worship.
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(c) Explain TWO ways religious symbols express Catholic belief.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
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(d) “Paintings help the Church to share belief.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- **refer to Catholic teachings**
- **reach a justified conclusion.**

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