

Religious Studies A
PAPER 3: Area of Study 3 – Philosophy
and Ethics
Option 3A – Catholic Christianity

Total Marks

Time: 50 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 51.

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

The question labelled with an ASTERISK (*) is the one where the quality of your written communication will be assessed – you should take particular care on this question 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: Arguments for the Existence of God

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**1 (a) Outline THREE features of the
cosmological argument.
(3 marks)**

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**(b) Explain TWO characteristics about God shown by the design argument.
(4 marks)**

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(c) Explain TWO ways miracles can lead to belief in God.

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) “Visions can be explained as hallucinations.”**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Catholic teachings**
- refer to non-religious points of view**
- reach a justified conclusion.**

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(Total for Question 1 = 27 marks)

Question 2: Religious Teachings on Relationships and Families in the 21st Century

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**2 (a) Outline THREE reasons why the family is important for Catholics.
(3 marks)**

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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why Catholics are against gender discrimination.
(4 marks)**

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(c) Explain TWO reasons why the Catholic Church opposes artificial contraception.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

(5 marks)

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(d) “Same-sex relationships are now accepted in society.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- **refer to Catholic teachings**
- **refer to non-religious points of view**
- **reach a justified conclusion.**

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(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)

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