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

Monday 15 May 2023 – Morning

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**

**YOU WILL BE GIVEN**

**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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**INFORMATION continued.**

**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.**

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

**Question 1: Beliefs and Teachings**

- 1 (a) Outline THREE details of the baptism of Jesus.  
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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why belief in God the Father is important to Catholics.  
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**(c) Explain TWO Catholic beliefs about life after death.**

**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 Paschal Mystery should be the main focus in a Catholic’s life.”**

**Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.  
(15 marks)**

**In your response you should:**

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

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## Question 2: Practices

- 2 (a) Outline THREE practices of the Catholic funeral rite.  
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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why Catholics use different forms of prayer.  
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**(c) Explain TWO purposes of the sacrament of the sick.**

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.  
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**(d) “Jerusalem is the only place  
Christians need to go on pilgrimage.”**

**Evaluate this statement considering  
arguments for and against.  
(12 marks)**

**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 sources of moral teaching for Catholics.  
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**(b) Explain TWO types of writings found  
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**(c) Explain TWO Catholic beliefs about the Church as the Body of Christ.**

**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 magisterium is the best source of religious teaching.”**

**Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.  
(15 marks)**

**In your response you should:**

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

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## **Question 4: Forms of Expression and Ways of Life**

- 4 (a) Outline THREE symbols used in Christianity.  
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- (b) Explain TWO ways belief is expressed in one piece of religious art.  
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**(c) Explain TWO reasons why hunger cloths are important to Catholics.**

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.  
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**(d) “Religious sculptures and statues have lost their significance.”**

**Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.  
(12 marks)**

**In your response you should:**

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

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