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Morning (Time: 1 hour 45 minutes) **Paper reference** **1RA0/1B**

Religious Studies A

PAPER 1: Area of Study 1 – Study of Religion

Option 1B – Christianity

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- 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.*
- 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** theoretical solutions offered to the problem of evil and suffering. (3)

- (b) Explain **two** ways the Trinity is expressed in Christian worship. (4)

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(c) Explain **two** events of the Last Supper described in the Bible.

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

(5)



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

* (d) "There is only heaven and hell after death."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

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

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Question 2: Practices

- 2 (a) Outline **three** sacraments that might be important in Christian life.

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- (b) Explain **two** reasons why Christians celebrate festivals.

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(c) Explain **two** ways Christians respond to the teachings about charity.

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

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(d) "Evangelism should be the responsibility of the Church locally."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Christian teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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Question 3: Sources of Wisdom and Authority

- 3 (a) Outline **three** reasons Christians believe Jesus is a role model.

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- (b) Explain **two** events that shaped the growth and development of the Church.

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(c) Explain **two** different Christian understandings about the authority of the pope.

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

(5)

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

*(d) "The Bible is the only source of comfort that Christians need."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Christian teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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Question 4: Forms of Expression and Ways of Life

- 4 (a) Outline **three** purposes of icons within Christianity.

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- (b) Explain **two** of the symbols of the four evangelists.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why passion plays are important for Christians.

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

(5)



(d) "Religious paintings help people to worship God."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

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

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