

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

Total Marks

Tuesday 6 June 2023 – Afternoon

Time: 50 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 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.

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: Arguments for the Existence of God

- 1 (a) Outline THREE ways Catholics respond to suffering.
(3 marks)**

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- (b) Explain TWO reasons why Catholics believe religious experiences are proof of God's existence. (4 marks)**

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(c) Explain TWO ways the nature of God is shown by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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 design of the world proves the existence of God.”**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

(15 marks)

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

- 2 (a) Outline THREE reasons marriage is important to Catholics.
(3 marks)**

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- (b) Explain TWO reasons why the family is important to Catholics.
(4 marks)**

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(c) Explain TWO Christian attitudes to the equality of men and women in the family.

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

(5 marks)

Answer space continues on the next page.

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(d) “Divorce should never happen.”

**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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(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)

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