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

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.**

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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: 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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## **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.  
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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)**

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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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