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**Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)**

**Tuesday 6 June 2023**

Afternoon (Time: 50 minutes)

Paper reference **1RA0/3B**

**Religious Studies A**

**PAPER 3: Area of Study 3 – Philosophy and Ethics**

**Option 3B – 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 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.

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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** miracles recorded in the Bible.

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- (b) Explain **two** ways answered prayers might lead to belief in God.

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(c) Explain **two** things the design argument may show about the nature of God.

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) "God offers proof of his existence through religious experiences."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Christian 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 why some Christians would allow divorce.

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- (b) Explain **two** teachings about the equality of men and women in a Christian family.

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- (c) Explain **two** teachings about the importance of raising children within a Christian family.

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

(5)

(d) "Christians should not use family planning."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Christian teachings
- refer to relevant ethical arguments
- reach a justified conclusion.

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