

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

Total Marks
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Thursday 9 May 2024 – 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**

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**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.**

**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: Beliefs and Teachings**

- 1 (a) Outline THREE ways the nature of God is shown in the Creation account.  
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**(b) Explain TWO beliefs about  
humanity's relationship  
with Creation.  
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**(c) Explain TWO beliefs about the Trinity found in the Nicene Creed.**

**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) “Living a good life is essential to receive salvation.”**

**Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.**

**In your response you must:**

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

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## Question 2: Practices

- 2 (a) Outline THREE ways CAFOD works to support others.  
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**(b) Explain TWO purposes of pilgrimage for Catholics.  
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**(c) Explain TWO reasons why the Lord's Prayer is important to Catholics.**

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.  
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**(d) “Seven sacraments are essential to lead a Christian life.”**

**Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.**

**In your response you must:**

- 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 different literary forms of the Bible.  
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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why Catholics see the Magisterium as the teaching office of the Church.  
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**(c) Explain TWO reasons why Catholics view Mary as a model of charity.**

**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 Bible is the literal Word of God.”**

**Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.**

**In your response you must:**

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

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

- 4 (a) Outline THREE ways drama is used to express belief.  
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**(b) Explain TWO ways the internal features of a Catholic church facilitate worship.  
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**(c) Explain TWO ways music is used to express belief about God.**

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.  
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**(d) “Sacred objects should only be used within a church.”**

**Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.**

**In your response you must :**

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

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