

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

Total Marks

Thursday 9 May 2024 – Morning

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

In the boxes below, write your name, centre number and candidate number.

Surname					
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Candidate Number					

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 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 Christian beliefs about what happens after death.
(3 marks)**

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- (b) Explain TWO ways the omnipotence and benevolence of God are challenged by the problem of evil and suffering.
(4 marks)**

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(c) Explain TWO beliefs about Jesus 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) “Salvation can only be achieved by living a good life.”**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

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

(15 marks)

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(Total for Question 1 = 27 marks)

Question 2: Practices

- 2 (a) Outline THREE ways Christians respond to teachings about charity.
(3 marks)**

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- (b) Explain TWO roles of the Church in the worldwide community.
(4 marks)**

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(c) Explain TWO things pilgrims do in Jerusalem.

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

(5 marks)

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(d) “Celebrating Easter is more important than celebrating Christmas.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

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

(12 marks)

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(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)

Question 3: Sources of Wisdom and Authority

3 (a) Outline THREE ways Christians use the Bible. (3 marks)

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(b) Explain TWO ways in which the leaders in the Church support and interact with one another. (4 marks)

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(c) Explain TWO important events in the development of the Church.

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

(5 marks)

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3(c) continued.

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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) “Showing forgiveness to others is the best way to follow Jesus’ example.”**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

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

(15 marks)

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3(d) continued.

(Total for Question 3 = 27 marks)

Question 4: Forms of Expression and Ways of Life

- 4 (a) Outline **THREE** reasons why there may be paintings within a church.
(3 marks)

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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why drama is used in churches.
(4 marks)**

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(c) Explain TWO purposes of icons within Christian worship.

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

(5 marks)

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- (d) “The best way to express belief is through symbolism and imagery.”**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

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

(12 marks)

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4(d) continued.

(Total for Question 4 = 24 marks)

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