

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

Total Marks

Friday 7 June 2024 – Morning

Time: 50 minutes

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

Surname					
Other names					
Centre Number					
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.**

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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.

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Question 1: Arguments for the Existence of God

- 1 (a) Outline THREE ways miracles prove the existence of God for Catholics. (3 marks)**

Answer space continues on the next page.

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1(a) continued.

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**(b) Explain TWO issues suffering raises for Catholics about the nature of God.
(4 marks)**

Answer space continues on the next page.

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1(b) continued.

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(c) Explain TWO Catholic attitudes to religious experiences as a philosophical argument for the existence of God.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
(5 marks)**

Answer space continues on the next 2 pages.

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1(c) continued.

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1(c) continued.

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1 continued.

In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.

***(d) “Christians have a duty to find practical ways to end suffering.”**

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.**

(15 marks)

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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 Catholics oppose gender discrimination.
(3 marks)**

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2(a) continued.

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(b) Explain TWO reasons why Catholics believe sexual relationships should only be between a man and a woman. (4 marks)

Answer space continues on the next page.

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2(b) continued.

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(c) Explain TWO reasons why Catholics believe that marriage is still important.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
(5 marks)**

Answer space continues on the next 2 pages.

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2(c) continued.

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(d) “The local parish needs to do more to support families.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

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

(12 marks)

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(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 51 MARKS
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