

Total Marks

Religious Studies A

PAPER 3: Area of Study 3 – Philosophy and Ethics

Option 3B – Christianity

Friday 7 June 2024 – Morning

Time: 50 minutes

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

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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.

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 features of a religious upbringing which may lead someone to believe in God.
(3 marks)**

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- (b) Explain TWO beliefs about the nature of a religious experience.
(4 marks)**

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- (c) Explain TWO things the cosmological argument may show about the nature of God.**

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

(5 marks)

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1(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) “Visions are nothing more than hallucinations.”**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- **refer to Christian teachings**
- **refer to non-religious 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 Christian attitudes towards sexual relationships outside of marriage.
(3 marks)**

2 continued.

- (b) Explain TWO reasons why support from the local parish is important for Christian families today.
(4 marks)**

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(c) Explain TWO Christian responses to non-religious attitudes to cohabitation.

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

(5 marks)

Answer space continues on the next page.

2(c) continued.

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(d) “The Church does not discriminate because of gender.”

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.**

(12 marks)

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(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)

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