

Religious Studies B  
PAPER 3: Area of Study 3 – Religion,  
Philosophy  
and Social Justice  
Option 3B – Christianity

Total Marks
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Tuesday 6 June 2023 – Afternoon

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.**

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**INFORMATION continued.**

**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: Christian Beliefs**

- 1 (a) Outline THREE Christian beliefs about the Trinity.  
(3 marks)**

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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why belief  
in life after death is important  
for Christians.  
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**(c) Explain TWO biblical teachings about the Incarnation.**

**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 best solutions to the problem of evil and suffering are practical.”**

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

**In your response you should:**

- **refer to Christian teachings**
  - **reach a justified conclusion.**
- (15 marks)**

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## Question 2: Philosophy of Religion

- 2 (a) Outline THREE Christian teachings about raising children to believe in God.  
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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why visions may be important for Christians.  
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**(c) Explain TWO features of the cosmological argument that show that God exists.**

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.  
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**(d) “Miracles prove the existence of God.”**

**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.**
- (12 marks)**

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## Question 3: Living the Christian Life

- 3 (a) Outline THREE purposes of pilgrimage for Christians.  
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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why  
Christians pray.  
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**(c) Explain TWO ways the local church can help people in the local area.**

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.  
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**\*(d) “All Christians should evangelise.”**

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

**In your response you should:**

- **refer to Christian teachings**
  - **reach a justified conclusion.**
- (15 marks)**

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## Question 4: Equality

- 4 (a) Outline **THREE** Christian teachings about human rights.  
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**(b) Explain TWO Christian teachings  
about discrimination.  
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**(c) Explain TWO ways the Church works for social justice.**

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.  
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**(d) “Everyone should work for racial harmony.”**

**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.**
- (12 marks)**

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