

Religious Studies B  
PAPER 2: Area of Study 2 – Religion,  
Peace and Conflict  
Option 2B – Christianity

Total Marks
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Thursday 16 May 2024 – 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**

**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.**

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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 eschatology.  
(3 marks)**

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**(b) Explain TWO different ways the biblical accounts of Creation may be understood.  
(4 marks)**

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**(c) Explain TWO theoretical solutions to the problem of evil used by Christians.**

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

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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) “The resurrection of Jesus is essential for Christians to understand the person of Jesus.”**

**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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## Question 2: Crime and Punishment

- 2 (a) Outline THREE Christian beliefs about why people suffer. (3 marks)**

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**(b) Explain TWO Christian beliefs about the nature of justice.  
(4 marks)**

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**(c) Explain TWO different Christian attitudes to the use of the death penalty.**

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

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**(d) “Society must punish people who do wrong.”**

**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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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why  
some Christians only celebrate  
two sacraments.  
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**(c) Explain TWO reasons why Christians may use the Lord's Prayer.**

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

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**3 continued.**

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

**\*(d) “It is important for all Christians to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.”**

**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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## Question 4: Peace and Conflict

**4 (a) Outline THREE Christian beliefs about peace. (3 marks)**

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**(b) Explain TWO reasons Christians may oppose the use of weapons of mass destruction.  
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**(c) Explain TWO reasons why some Christians believe the Just War theory is important.**

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

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**4 continued.**

**(d) “Conflict always causes violence.”**

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

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