

Paper Reference(s)    **1RA0/3A**

Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)

**Religious Studies A**

**Paper 3: Area of Study 3 – Philosophy and Ethics**  
**Option 3A – Catholic Christianity**

**Thursday 23 May 2019 – Afternoon**

**Time: 50 minutes plus your additional time allowance**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**Write your centre number, candidate number, surname, other names and your signature in the boxes below. Check that you have the correct question paper.**

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- Use **BLACK** ink or ball-point pen.
- Answer **ALL** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

## **MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR EXAMINATION**

**Nil**

## **ITEMS INCLUDED WITH QUESTION PAPERS**

**Nil**

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- 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 TO CANDIDATES**

- 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.**

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**Question 1: Arguments for the Existence of God**

- 1 (a) Outline THREE characteristics of religious experiences. (3 marks)**

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**(b) Explain TWO ways that the design argument proves the existence of God for Catholics.  
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**(c) Explain TWO ways Catholics respond to the problem of suffering.**

**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) “Miracles prove the existence of God.”**

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

**In your response you should:**

- **refer to Catholic teachings**
- **refer to non-religious points of view**
- **reach a justified conclusion.**

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**Question 2: Religious Teachings on Relationships and Families in the 21st Century**

**2 (a) Outline THREE Christian attitudes towards contraception. (3 marks)**

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**(c) Explain TWO Catholic teachings about divorce.**

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

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**(d) “Women should have equal rights in religion.”**

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

**In your response you should:**

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

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