

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.**

Centre No.					
Candidate No.					
Surname					
Other names					
Signature					
Paper Reference	1	R	A	0	/ 3 A



- 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.

(Turn over)

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

(Questions begin on next page)

Question 1: Arguments for the Existence of God

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

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

(Question continues on next page)

(Turn over)

(b) Explain TWO ways that the design argument proves the existence of God for Catholics. (4 marks)

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

(Continue your answer on next page)

(Turn over)

(Question continues on next page)

(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)

(Continue your answer on next page)

(Turn over)

(Question continues on next page)

(Turn over)

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.**

(15 marks)

(Continue your answer on next page)

(Turn over)

(Turn over)

(Turn over)

(Turn over)

(Turn over)

(TOTAL FOR QUESTION 1 = 27 MARKS)

(Questions continue on next page)

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

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

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

(Question continues on next page)

(Turn over)

(b) Explain TWO Catholic teachings on homosexuality. (4 marks)

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

(Continue your answer on next page)

(Turn over)

(Question continues on next page)

(c) Explain TWO Catholic teachings about divorce.

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

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

(Continue your answer on next page)

(Turn over)

(Question continues on next page)

(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.**

(12 marks)

(Continue your answer on next page)

(Turn over)

(Turn over)

(Turn over)

(Turn over)

(Turn over)

(TOTAL FOR QUESTION 2 = 24 MARKS)

**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 51 MARKS
END**