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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded.
 Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
Q1 (a)	AO1 3 marks Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three. The Incarnation is God becoming human (1) The Incarnation shows Jesus is God (1) Jesus was incarnated at his birth (1) The Incarnation shows God's love to humanity (1) The Incarnation allowed God to live a human life (1). Accept any other valid response.	Lists (maximum of one mark)	(3)

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1(b)	 AO1 4 marks Award one mark for providing a belief. Award a second mark for development of the belief. Up to a maximum of four marks. God created the universe using words (1), he created from nothing (1) The creation of the universe shows God is all powerful (1) and only God would be able to create it (1) The creation of the universe described in the Bible may be metaphorical (1), it may not describe exactly how it was created (1). Accept any other valid response. 	 Repeated belief/ development Development that does not relate both to the belief given and to the question. 	(4)

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1(c)	Award one mark for each issue. Award further marks for each development of the issue up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority. Evil shows that God might not be loving (1), it is an essential characteristic that God should have (1) 'The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love' (Psalm 103:8) (1) A loving God would not let his children suffer (1) 'the Lord's love is with those who fear him' (Psalm 103:17) (1) the problem highlights that innocent people suffer (1) It causes issues as it might show God lacks power (1). God cannot be God if he is unable to protect humanity from harm (1) 'Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.' (Psalm 147:5) (1).	 Repeated issue / development Development that does not relate both to the issue given and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the issue given. 	
	Accept any other valid response.		(5)

Question	Indicative content	Mark
number	ACC 12 marks CDoC 2 marks	
1(d)	AO2 12 marks, SPaG 3 marks	
	Candidates must underpin their analysis and evaluation with knowledge and understanding. Candidates will be required to demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding as well as accuracy of religion and belief when responding to the question and in meeting AO2 descriptors.	
	AO2	
	 Arguments for the statement: The Church teaches that the Trinity is God that there is one God, and thus this must be not only the easy way, but the only way to understand the nature of God The three Persons of the Trinity all show something unique about God, which means that as unity, in the Trinity, God is shown in a way that each Person alone could not Christians believe that the three Persons of the Trinity are shown in the Bible and thus makes it easy to understand God. 	
	 Arguments against the statement: Some would argue that as God is ineffable it is not easy to understand God and that the idea of three Persons and yet one God makes it more difficult to understand God, rather than easier The Articles of Faith state 'There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body, parts, or passions; of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness.' Thus it can be argued it is easier to understand God as one rather than the three Persons of the Trinity Some Christians teach that the Trinity is a mystery, that it is not meant to be understood, the Catechism of the Catholic Church says 'The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life' (261). 	
	Accept any other valid response.	
	Candidates who do not consider different viewpoints within the religious tradition or non-religious viewpoints (as instructed in the question) cannot achieve marks beyond Level 2.	(15)

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable response.
Level 1	1-3	 Information/issues are identified and make superficial connections among a limited range of elements in the question, underpinned by isolated elements of understanding of religion and belief. Judgements are supported by generic arguments to produce a conclusion that is not fully justified.
Level 2	4-6	 Superficial connections are made among many, but not all, of the elements in the question, underpinned by a limited understanding of religion and belief. Judgements of a limited range of elements in the question are made. Judgements are supported by an attempt to appraise evidence, much of which may be superficial, leading to a conclusion that is not fully justified.
Level 3	7–9	 Deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints. These are underpinned by an accurate understanding of religion and belief. Connections are made among many, but not all, of the elements in the question. Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of many, but not all, of the elements in the question. Judgements are supported by the appraisal of evidence, some of which may be superficial, leading to a partially justified conclusion.
Level 4	10-12	 Critically deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints. These are underpinned by a sustained, accurate and thorough understanding of religion and belief. Connections are made among the full range of elements in the question. Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of the full range of elements in the question. Judgements are fully supported by the comprehensive appraisal of evidence, leading to a fully justified conclusion.

SPaG

Marks		Descriptors
0 marks	No marks awarded	 The candidate writes nothing. The candidate's response does not relate to the question. The candidate's achievement in SPaG does not reach the threshold performance level, for example errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar severely hinder meaning.
1 mark	Threshold performance	 Candidates spell and punctuate with reasonable accuracy. Candidates use rules of grammar with some control of meaning and any errors do not significantly hinder meaning overall. Candidates use a limited range of specialist terms as appropriate.
2 marks	Intermediate performance	 Candidates spell and punctuate with considerable accuracy. Candidates use rules of grammar with general control of meaning overall. Candidates use a good range of specialist terms as appropriate.
3 marks	High performance	 Candidates spell and punctuate with consistent accuracy. Candidates use rules of grammar with effective control of meaning overall. Candidates use a wide range of specialist terms as appropriate.

Question Answer number	Reject Mark
Award one mark for each point id to a maximum of three. • Many Christians teach that sex relationships are a gift from G • Most Christians teach that the only take place within marriag • Some Christians regard sexual relationships before marriage (1) • Some Christians recognise sar sexual relationships as accept example. • All Christians maintain that adwrong (1). Accept any other valid response.	xual od (1) y should ge (1) I as sinful me sex able (1)

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number			
2(b)	 AWard one mark for providing a teaching. Award a second mark for development of the teaching. Up to a maximum of four marks. Most Christians believe that men and women should have equal roles in the family (1), in Genesis 1 it shows they were created at the same time (1) Some Christians believe that the roles of men and women in the family should be equal yet different (1) male and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (1) Some Christians maintain that men should be in charge of the family (1) 'Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. 	 Repeated teaching / development Development that does not relate both to the teaching given and to the question. 	
	(Ephesians 5:22) (1).		(4)

Accept any other valid response.	

Question	Answer	Reject	Mark
number			
2(c)	Award one mark for each attitude. Award further marks for each development of the attitude up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority. Some Christians may say it is contrary to God's will (1) thus anything which is contraceptive in marriage is 'intrinsically wrong' (Humanae Vitae) (1) Some Christians believe that they should not use artificial contraception (1) as it goes against God's plan for humanity (1), they were made to 'be fruitful and increase in number' (Genesis 9:7) Some Christians allow the use of artificial contraception (1) as they feel it is up to a person's own conscience as to whether they wish to use it (1). Lambeth Conference resolution 115 said 'the responsibility for deciding upon the number and frequency of children has been laid by God upon the consciences of parents everywhere' (1). Candidates who do not consider different attitudes within Christianity cannot be awarded more than 3 marks. Accept any other valid response.	 Repeated attitude/ development Development that does not relate both to the attitude given and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the attitude given. 	(5)
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Question number	Indicative content	Mark
2(d)	AO2 12 marks	
	Candidates must underpin their analysis and evaluation with knowledge and understanding. Candidates will be required to demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding as well as accuracy of religion and belief when responding to the question and in meeting AO2 descriptors.	
	AO2	
	 Arguments for the statement: Some Christians believe that as it is a sacrament marriage is by its very nature sacred, it is blessed by God and usually takes place in church and thus is holy Some Christians may refer to the Bible and God making Eve to be a companion to Adam as the first institution of marriage and thus it became a holy state of being St Paul teaches 'Marriage should be honoured by all' (Hebrews 13:4), this New Testament authority should be applied by Christians and thus they should believe that marriage is sacred. 	
	 Arguments against the statement: Some Christians e.g. Quakers would describe marriage as a formal recognition of the couple's partnership, therefore they would not regard it as a sacred institution Some non-religious people would explain that marriage does not involve any need for God, it is not sacred, it is a purely secular and legal institution, recognised by the government and thus society Some Christians allow the use of divorce as they feel that a marriage may be harmful to the couple, arguably then these marriages are no longer sacred or holy. 	
	Accept any other valid response.	
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	0	No rewardable response.
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Level 4	10-12	 Critically deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints. These are underpinned by a sustained, accurate and thorough understanding of religion and belief, including any relevant philosophical and/or ethical arguments. Connections are made among the full range of elements in the question. Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of the full range of elements in the question. Judgements are fully supported by the comprehensive appraisal of evidence, leading to a fully justified conclusion.

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
3(a)	 AO1 3 marks Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three. Some Christians regard sacraments as outward signs of inward grace (1) They mark important stages in a Christian's life (1) Many Christians say they are instituted by Jesus (1) Christians regard them as holy events in a person's life (1) Some Christians regard them as necessary for salvation (1). Accept any other valid response. 	Lists (maximum of one mark)	(3)

Question	Answer	Reject	Mark
number			
3(b)	 AO1 4 marks Award one mark for providing a reason. Award a second mark for development of the reason. Up to a maximum of four marks. Christians may choose set prayer as they feel it ensures they are worshipping in the correct way (1), Christians are praying in the way outlined by the Church (1) They may use set prayers taught by Jesus (1) e.g. the Lord's Prayer (1) Set prayers allow Christians to pray alongside each other (1) sharing their worship experience (1). 	 Repeated reason/ development Development that does not relate both to the reason given and to the question. 	(4)
	Accept any other valid response.		(4)

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3(c)	Award one mark for each teaching. Award further marks for each development of the teaching up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority. Giving to charity is what Jesus asked people to do (1) he taught that when you give to others you give to him (1) 'whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:40) (1) Charity should be given as it is taught in the Bible (1) Christians are required to give a portion of all they have to the poor (1) 'A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord' (Leviticus 27:30) (1) Charity can be a way of showing love (1) Christians can develop a closer relationship with God through it (1) 'If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing' (1 Corinthians 13:3) (1). Accept any other valid response.	 Repeated teaching/ development Development that does not relate both to the teaching given and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the teaching given. 	(5)

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3(u)	AOZ 12 marks, 3rad 3 marks	
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	AO2	
	 Arguments for this statement: Some Christians believe Easter is the most important festival as it commemorates the resurrection of Jesus, they regard this as the most important event in the life of Jesus Some Christians may argue that Easter is the most important Christian festival as it is the event that shows that there is eternal life in heaven for all believers, the basis of Christian faith, no other festival shows this as clearly Easter is the most important event as the resurrection shows that Jesus was truly God, and thus this is the event which shows that Christianity is the true faith. 	
	 Arguments against the statement: Some Christians would say that all Christian festivals are important, they are all part of the faith and should be part of Christian life, no one festival is more important than another Some Christians might argue that the Incarnation is the most important event in the life of Jesus and thus it is Christmas that is the most important Christian festival, not Easter Some Christians feel that the Lenten period makes more of an impact on a Christian's life, it is an opportunity to think about one's faith and change to be what God wants, thus making it more important than the single celebration of Easter. 	
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4(a)	 AO1 3 marks Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three. Some Christians teach abortion goes against the sanctity of life (1) Some teach abortion is murder (1) Some teach only God has the right to end a life (1) Some teach it is a matter for the woman's conscience to decide (1) Some teach it is the woman's body and she can choose what happens to it (1). Accept any other valid response. 	Lists (maximum of one mark)	(3)

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4(b)	 AWard one mark for providing a teaching. Award a second mark for development of the teaching. Up to a maximum of four marks. The universe can be used as humans desire (1) 'You made them rulers over the works of your hands' (Psalm 8:6) (1) The universe is a valuable resource (1) and humans have the right to make use of it (1) The universe needs to be preserved for future generations (1) and humans were given it by God to be stewards of it (1). 	 Repeated teaching /development Development that does not relate both to the teaching given and to the question. 	
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4(c)	Award one mark for each belief. Award further marks for each development of the belief up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority. Christians may believe people must not use euthanasia (1) even when there is extreme suffering (1). In the story of Job he does not take the 'easy' option to relieve his suffering (1) Some Christians feel only God can take life (1) euthanasia would go against God's plans (1) 'do not be a fool—why die before your time?' (Ecclesiastes 7:17) (1) Most Christians teach that euthanasia ignores the belief that life is holy (1) that ending a life prematurely is wrong (1) 'You shall not murder.' (Exodus 20:13) (1). Accept any other valid response.	 Repeated belief/development Development that does not relate both to the belief given and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the belief given. 	(5)

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	AO2	
	Arguments for the statement:	
	Most Christians believe that as humans were created last they are the pinnacle of God's creation and therefore God's most important creation	
	Humans are created especially to be like God, this means they are the most important creation the Bible records, 'God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27)	
	Some Christians may explain that it is human life that is regarded as sacred because humans have a soul, whereas other life forms are not holy and as such it is logical that humans are God's most important creation.	
	Arguments against the statement:	
	 Some Christians would say that the Genesis accounts of creation show that when God created the universe he saw that it was good not just when he created humans, all creation is equally important 	
	Some Christians may argue that humans are biological beings which depend and interrelate with the earth, all of which was created by God. This co-dependence means that human life is not more important than any other creation	
	Some Christians feel that humanity cannot be God's most important creation as much of humanity has rejected God and has acted in ways that destroy God's creation, which means that if anything, human beings cannot be the most important creation.	
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