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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.

Christianity

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
1(a)	<p>Award one mark for providing a teaching. Award a second mark for development of the teaching. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus taught that discipleship would be a difficult undertaking (1) and for many would result in suffering and death (1) • He taught that discipleship involves renunciation (1), such as when he told the rich young man to give away his possessions (1) • Discipleship brings spiritual rewards (1), with faithful disciples achieving eternal life in heaven (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated teaching/ development. • Development that does not relate to both the teaching given and the question. 	(4)

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1(b)	<p>Students will develop responses using ideas/reasoning/arguments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians believe the resurrection of Jesus proved his divinity, because only someone with the power of God would be able to raise himself from the dead • The resurrection of Jesus is believed to be the conquering of the power of death, and taught Christians that death no longer had dominion over them • The resurrection brought with it the promise of eternal life. Just as Jesus rose, so also, at the end of time, all those who believe will also be raised from the dead and will see God. <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	(6)

Mark	Descriptor
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No rewardable material.
1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited use of religious terms. • Description of relevant religion, beliefs and values is mostly satisfactory. • Gives a partial explanation of the significance and influence of beliefs and values.
4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of religious terms is appropriate and shows understanding. • Explanation of relevant religion, beliefs and values is comprehensive. • Explanation of significance and influence of beliefs and values is assured and comprehensive.

Question number	Indicative content
1(c)	<p>The student must underpin their analysis and evaluation with knowledge and understanding. The student 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 described below.</p> <p>The student will develop responses using ideas/reasoning/arguments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Christian denominations, such as Roman Catholics, believe ordained ministers are essential because they are called by God, and are anointed to the role of priest, which includes offering the sacrifice of the Mass • Some Protestant Christians believe that ordained ministers are important because they are chosen by the community for their wisdom and understanding, and that their role is to gather the community and lead them in worship • Many Christian denominations may argue that all communities need leadership, because leadership helps to forge identity, and that it is important for Christians to be organised if they are going to carry out the work of evangelisation • Some Christian denominations, such as Quakers, do not have any ordained ministry and believe that God can call anyone to lead prayer and worship, a charism that should not be confined to ordained ministers • Some Christians have a concern that an ordained minister can be seen to supplant the role of Jesus himself, and to contradict the New Testament teaching that there can be only one mediator between God and humanity • Some people who identify as Christians do not belong to any organised group, and consider that their moral and spiritual journey, their relationship with God, is personal and private.

	Accept any other valid response. (10 marks)
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1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates isolated elements of understanding of religion and belief. • Identifies information/issues and makes superficial connections between a limited range of elements within the question. • Judgements are supported by generic arguments to produce a conclusion that is not fully justified.
4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited understanding of religion and belief. • Deconstructs religious information/issues, and makes superficial connections between many but not all of the elements in the question. • 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.
7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates accurate understanding of religion and belief. • Deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints and that make connections between many but not all of the elements in the question. • Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of many but not all of elements in the question. Judgements are supported by the appraisal of evidence, some of which may be superficial leading to a partially justified conclusion.
9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates sustained accurate and thorough understanding of religion and belief. • Critically deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints and that make connections between 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.

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2(a)	<p>Award one mark for providing a practice. Award a second mark for development of the practice. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians will often sing carols at Christmas (1) which herald the birth of Jesus (1) • Many Christians go to midnight mass (1) so that they are gathered in prayer at the very start of the day of Jesus' birth (1) • Some Christians create a crib at Christmas (1) which represents the stable where Jesus was born (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated practice/ development. • Development that does not relate to both the practice given and the question. 	(4)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2(b)	<p>Students will develop responses using ideas/reasoning/arguments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrimage to Jerusalem is important to some Christians because it is the place where many of the events of Jesus' life took place, and they feel they are able to benefit spiritually from walking in his footsteps • Christians believe that Jesus was crucified in Jerusalem, and that by visiting the site of Golgotha they can honour his sacrifice and commit themselves to a life of service to others • Because Jerusalem was where Jesus rose from the dead, Christians visit the place because it renews their faith in the divinity of Jesus and in the meaning and purpose of their lives on earth. <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	(6)

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4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use of religious terms is appropriate and shows understanding.<li>• Explanation of relevant religion, beliefs and values is comprehensive.<li>• Explanation of significance and influence of beliefs and values is assured and comprehensive.

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2(c)	<p>The student must underpin their analysis and evaluation with knowledge and understanding. The student 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 described below.</p> <p>The student will develop responses using ideas/reasoning/arguments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Christians may argue that pilgrimage to Bethlehem is important because it is where Jesus is believed to have been born, and therefore Christians should go on pilgrimage there to recall the start of their faith and honour its founder • Most Christians believe Jesus is the incarnation of God. They therefore consider Bethlehem a special place of miracle and a source of grace, which can inspire their spiritual lives • Because Jesus was born into poverty in Bethlehem, in a stable, some Christians believe that pilgrimage there will remind them of the importance of Christian commitment to the poor and powerless • Some Christians might argue that it is Jerusalem that should be considered the only essential place of pilgrimage, because it was there that Jesus died and rose, and so accomplished his mission of salvation • Many Christians are unable to go on pilgrimage to Bethlehem, because of cost, or infirmity, but believe that this in no way hinders their ability to follow Jesus and to live good Christian lives • Pilgrimage to specific places is seen by some Christians to focus on the wrong understanding of pilgrimage. Rather, pilgrimage is the inner spiritual journey undertaken by all Christians to God and to heaven. <p>Accept any other valid response. (10 marks)</p>

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3(a)	<p>Award one mark for providing a feature. Award a second mark for development of the feature. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many Christian places of worship will display a cross on the outside (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated feature / development. • Reject development that does not relate to both 	(4)

	<p>because the cross is a symbol of their Christian faith (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Churches sometimes have spires (1) and this is held to represent the prayers of the faithful reaching up to heaven (1) • Many Christian churches are built to face the East (1) which is the direction of Jerusalem where Jesus rose from the dead (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	the feature given and the question.	
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3(b)	<p>Students will develop responses using ideas/reasoning/arguments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private prayer is important to many Christians because it follows the teaching of Jesus, who told his followers to pray in a private place rather than on street corners • Private prayer is thought by many Christians to be a better way to communicate with God, because it allows them to express their personal concerns, and to listen in stillness to the voice of God • Private prayer is something that Christians can do throughout the day, with morning and evening prayers, and prayers at meals, so that they can feel in contact with God at all times. <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	(6)

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