



GCE AS/A LEVEL

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FRIDAY, 17 MAY 2024 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1

Option A

An Introduction to the Study of Christianity

1 hour 15 minutes plus your additional time allowance

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Answer ONE question from Section A and ONE question from Section B

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Write the question number in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer.

Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

(Turn over)

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 30 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each part-question.

You are reminded of the need to:

- **reflect on, select and apply specified knowledge.**
- **understand, interpret and critically evaluate religious concepts, texts and other sources.**
- **identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this unit.**
- **construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.**

(Turn over)

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- **engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.**
- **present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.**
- **use specialist language and terminology appropriately.**
- **use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.**

(Turn over)

UNIT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

Option A – An Introduction to the Study of Christianity

Part (a) of each question tests your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief.

Part (b) of each question tests your skills of analysis and evaluation, with regards to aspects of and approaches to religion and belief.

(Turn over)

SECTION A

Answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER,

01 (a) Explain the role of churches in providing TWO of the following:

- (i) Worship and sacraments**
- (ii) Religious teaching**
- (iii) Mission, service and outreach.**

[15 marks]

**(b) ‘The main role of the Church is to provide religious teaching.’
Evaluate this view. [15 marks]**

(Turn over)

OR,

02 (a) Explain why the moral principles of forgiveness AND love of neighbour are important to Christians.
[15 marks]

(b) 'God's behaviour towards humans is the basis for Christian morality.'
Evaluate this view. [15 marks]

(Turn over)

SECTION B

Answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER,

03 (a) Explain how the resurrection of Jesus has been understood by Rudolf Bultmann. [15 marks]

(b) 'The bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead is not an historical fact.'
Evaluate this view. [15 marks]

(Turn over)

OR,

04 (a) Examine Huldrych Zwingli's understanding of baptism.

[15 marks]

**(b) 'Baptism saves those who receive it.'
Evaluate this view. [15 marks]**

OR,

05 (a) Compare the ways in which the Eastern Orthodox and Western Christian Churches celebrate Easter.

[15 marks]

**(b) 'Easter is a more important Christian festival than Christmas.'
Evaluate this view. [15 marks]**

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