



GCSE

3120UC0-1

THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2024 – AFTERNOON

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – Unit 1

PART A – Core Beliefs, Teachings and Practices

- **Christianity**
- **Hinduism**

PART B – Religious Responses to Philosophical Themes

- **Theme 1: Life and Death**
- **Theme 2: Good and Evil**

2 hours plus your additional time allowance

Surname _____

First name(s) _____

Centre Number _____

Candidate Number 0 _____

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	Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
PART A	1.	30	
	SPaG	6	
	2.	30	
PART B	3.	30	
	4.	30	
	Total	126	

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the front cover.

Answer ALL questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. If you run out of space, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet taking care to number the question(s) correctly.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

Your ability to spell, punctuate and use accurate grammar is assessed in question 1(d).

You are expected to use specialist terminology accurately and make reference to sources of religious wisdom and authority (including religious texts), where relevant.

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1 (b) Describe the birth of Jesus. [5 marks]

(Turn over)

1 (c) Explain Christian teachings about forgiveness.

[8 marks]

1 (d) 'A Christian must go to church or chapel.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

Marks for spelling, punctuation and the accurate use of grammar are allocated to this question.

[6 marks]

(Turn over)

PART A – CORE BELIEFS, TEACHINGS AND PRACTICES

HINDUISM

2 (a) What do Hindus mean by the ‘Trimurti’? [2 marks]

(Turn over)

2 (b) Describe congregational puja in the mandir.

[5 marks]

2 (d) ‘The Upanayana (sacred thread ceremony) is the most important rite of passage for Hindus.’

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

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3 (b) Describe, from EITHER Christianity OR Hinduism, beliefs about life after death. [5 marks]

(Turn over)

3 (c) Explain Christian AND Hindu attitudes towards euthanasia. [8 marks]

3 (d) 'It is not possible to accept both scientific and religious views of the origin of the universe.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must refer to religious AND non-religious beliefs, such as those held by Humanists and Atheists, in your answer.) [15 marks]

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**PART B – RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO
PHILOSOPHICAL THEMES**

THEME 2: GOOD AND EVIL

4 (a) What is meant by ‘conscience’? [2 marks]

4 (c) Explain, from Christianity AND Hinduism, beliefs about the aims of punishment. [8 marks]

(Turn over)

4 (d) 'God cannot exist when there is so much suffering in the world.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

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Question number	Additional page, if required. Write the question number(s) in the left-hand margin.

