



**GCE AS**

**B120UA0-1**



**FRIDAY, 19 MAY 2023 – MORNING**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 1**  
**Option A: An Introduction to Christianity**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer,

for example 

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

Each question carries 50 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 evaluate critically religious concepts, texts and other sources.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component.
- construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- 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.

## COMPONENT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

### Option A – An Introduction to 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.

### Section A

Answer **one** question from this section.

**Either,**

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- a) Outline differences between Eastern Orthodox Church and Western churches' celebrations of Advent **and** Christmas. [25]
- b) 'Christmas is the most important festival for Christians.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

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- a) Examine the case for infant baptism with reference to Augustine **and** Zwingli. [25]
- b) 'Baptism is for adult believers not infants.'  
Evaluate this view with reference to Christianity. [25]

**Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

**Either,**

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- a) Explain ways in which the birth narratives of Matthew and Luke differ. [25]
- b) 'Redaction criticism is essential for understanding the birth narratives.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

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- a) Examine the New Testament community of believers as a model for churches today. [25]
- b) 'The main role of the Church is to provide religious teaching.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

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- a) Outline the conflict between the wrath and love of God in theories of the Atonement. [25]
- b) 'Christians can accept all three theories of the Atonement.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**END OF PAPER**