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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.

Paper 2: Study of Second Religion 2A – Catholic Christianity Mark Scheme

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
1(a)	<p>AO1 3 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's loving nature is shown through giving humans food to eat (1) • The command to let there be light shows God's authority (1) • God's omnibenevolence is shown through knowing 'it was good' (1) • God's trust in humans is shown through giving humans dominion (1) • God's power is shown through creating humans in his image (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists (maximum of one mark) 	3

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1(b)	<p>AO1 4 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for providing a reason. Award a second mark for development of the reason. Up to a maximum of four.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus had to die to fulfil God's command for him (1) Christ died for people's sins in accordance with the scriptures (1) • Jesus freely offered himself for the salvation of humanity, (1) without Jesus' death, human beings couldn't be reunited with God (1) • Jesus' sacrificial death atoned human separation from God (1) because human beings stray from God's ways (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated reason/ development • Development that does not relate both to the reason given and to the question. 	4

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1(c)	<p>AO1 5 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for each way. Award further marks for each development of the way up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholics believe the Bible reveals God as one (1), Jesus stated the Greatest Commandment 'The most important one is this...the Lord is our God, the Lord is one' (Mark 12:29) (1) this confirms that God must therefore be unity (1) • The Baptism of Jesus shows that God is the Trinity (1) as the Father speaks, the Son is baptised, the Spirit descends in the form of a dove; (1) a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased' (Matthew 3:17) (1) • The Bible shows clearly that Jesus referred to God as his Father (1), the Bible shows that Christians should pray to God as Father (1). 'When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name"' (Luke 11:2) (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated way/development • Development that does not relate both to the way and to the question • Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the way given. 	5

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
1(d)	<p data-bbox="362 243 764 275">AO2 12 marks, SPaG 3 marks</p> <p data-bbox="362 306 1308 464">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.</p> <p data-bbox="362 495 431 527">AO2</p> <p data-bbox="362 531 812 562">Arguments for the statement:</p> <ul data-bbox="410 594 1308 978" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="410 594 1276 688">• Catholics believe Jesus was sent by God to show the path to him, opening the opportunity that, through belief in Jesus as God people can seek salvation <li data-bbox="410 693 1292 850">• Some Catholics believe Jesus while on earth taught through parables, teaching that by doing good deeds they will achieve salvation; in the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats it illustrates that helping others leads to entry into God's kingdom <li data-bbox="410 854 1308 978">• Some Catholics believe that Jesus came to give new laws, that the Old Testament laws were fulfilled by Jesus, and that by following the Sermon on the Mount, given by Jesus it brings salvation. <p data-bbox="362 1045 876 1077">Arguments against the statement:</p> <ul data-bbox="410 1081 1308 1430" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="410 1081 1308 1171">• Some Catholics would argue that salvation is from the death of Jesus, his death allowed atonement with God, and from this Catholics will achieve salvation <li data-bbox="410 1176 1308 1299">• Some Catholics believe it is not only his life but his death and resurrection that bring salvation, all events are interconnected and part of God's plan, Jesus needed to be sent by God to open the gates to heaven <li data-bbox="410 1304 1292 1430">• Some Catholics believe that Jesus was sent as a sacrifice, his death allowed sins to be forgiven, and thus salvation to occur "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). <p data-bbox="362 1497 805 1528">Accept any other valid response.</p>	15

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	0	No rewardable response.
Level 1	1–3	A superficial analysis of the statement that uses undeveloped arguments, underpinned by isolated elements of understanding of religion and belief. Judgements are asserted without clear links to the analysis.
Level 2	4–6	A basic analysis of the statement that uses some developed arguments to discuss different points of view, underpinned by limited understanding of religion and belief. This leads to simple judgements which have some links to the analysis, leading to a conclusion with limited justification.
Level 3	7–9	A good analysis of the statement that uses logical chains of reasoning to discuss different points of view, underpinned by a sound understanding of religion and belief. This leads to reasoned judgements which are clearly linked to the analysis, leading to a partially justified conclusion.
Level 4	10–12	A sustained and coherent analysis of the statement that uses logical chains of reasoning to discuss different points of view, underpinned by thorough understanding of religion and belief. This leads to reasoned judgements supported by the appraisal of arguments, leading to a justified conclusion that is consistent with the analysis.

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- philosophical arguments
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SPaG

Marks		Descriptors
0 marks	No marks awarded	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.

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2(a)	<p>AO1 3 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using a Rosary to pray with (1) • Praying at the stations of the cross (1) • The waiting hours of Eucharistic adoration (1) • Some Catholics go on a pilgrimage (1) • Visiting a relic at a shrine (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists (maximum of one mark) 	3

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2(b)	<p>AO1 4 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for providing a reason. Award a second mark for development of the reason. Up to a maximum of four.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Catholics like private prayer as it allows them to communicate with God (1) and express themselves without fear of judgement from others (1) • Catholics use different prayers for different moods, (1) e.g., sometimes prayers are serious or sorrowful, at other times joyful (1) • Some Catholics feel prayers of confession stop a person from bottling up feelings of guilt (1), helping them to learn from their mistakes (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated reason/ development • Development that does not relate both to the reason given and to the question. 	4

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