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**Pearson Edexcel Level 1/ Level 2 GCSE (9–1)**

**Friday 7 June 2024**

Morning (Time: 50 minutes)

Paper reference **1RA0/3B**

**Religious Studies A**

**PAPER 3: Area of Study 3 – Philosophy and Ethics**

**Option 3B – Christianity**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

## Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

## Information

- The total mark for this paper is 51.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- The question labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) is the one where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care on this question with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the use of specialist terminology.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

## Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

**Question 1: Arguments for the Existence of God**

- 1 (a) Outline **three** features of a religious upbringing which may lead someone to believe in God.

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- (b) Explain **two** beliefs about the nature of a religious experience.

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(c) Explain **two** things the cosmological argument may show about the nature of God.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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**In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.**

**\*(d) "Visions are nothing more than hallucinations."**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- refer to Christian teachings
- refer to non-religious points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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(Total for Question 1 = 27 marks)



## Question 2: Religious Teachings on Relationships and Families in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- 2 (a) Outline **three** Christian attitudes towards sexual relationships outside of marriage.

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- (b) Explain **two** reasons why support from the local parish is important for Christian families today.

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(c) Explain **two** Christian responses to non-religious attitudes to cohabitation.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) "The Church does not discriminate because of gender."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- refer to Christian teachings
- refer to different Christian points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)

**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 51 MARKS**



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