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Thursday 9 May 2024

Morning (Time: 1 hour 45 minutes) **Paper reference 1RA0/1B**

Religious Studies A

PAPER 1: Area of Study 1 – Study of Religion

Option 1B – 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 102.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care on these questions 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: Beliefs and Teachings

- 1 (a) Outline **three** Christian beliefs about what happens after death.

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- (b) Explain **two** ways the omnipotence and benevolence of God are challenged by the problem of evil and suffering.

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(c) Explain **two** beliefs about Jesus found in the Nicene Creed.

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) "Salvation can only be achieved by living a good life."**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- refer to Christian teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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Question 2: Practices

2 (a) Outline **three** ways Christians respond to teachings about charity.

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(b) Explain **two** roles of the Church in the worldwide community.

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(c) Explain **two** things pilgrims do in Jerusalem.

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

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(d) "Celebrating Easter is more important than celebrating Christmas."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- refer to Christian teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)



Question 3: Sources of Wisdom and Authority

3 (a) Outline **three** ways Christians use the Bible.

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(b) Explain **two** ways in which the leaders in the Church support and interact with one another.

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(c) Explain **two** important events in the development of the Church.

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) "Showing forgiveness to others is the best way to follow Jesus' example."**

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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Question 4: Forms of Expression and Ways of Life

4 (a) Outline **three** reasons why there may be paintings within a church.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why drama is used in churches.

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(c) Explain **two** purposes of icons within Christian worship.

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

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(d) "The best way to express belief is through symbolism and imagery."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- refer to Christian teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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