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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 1: Religion and Ethics 1B - Christianity Mark Scheme
2024**

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
Q1 (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"> • Salvation is saving humanity from sin (1) • Salvation means Christians can have eternal life (1) • The death of Jesus brought about salvation (1) • Salvation means all can be saved from eternal damnation (1) • Salvation allows all people to be united with God (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 solution. Award a second mark for development of the solution. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Christians may pray for an end to suffering (1) they ask for God to act (1) • Some Christians may give to charity (1) to relieve the suffering of others (1) • Some may solve the problem philosophically (1) they may say that humans are not meant to understand God's actions (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated solution/development • Development that does not relate both to the solution given and to the question. 	4

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1(c)	<p>AO1 5 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for each reason. Award further marks for each development of the reason 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"> • The Incarnation is significant as it means that Jesus showed God's message to the world (1), he was able to show people what to believe (1) 'Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God' (John 1:12) (1) • The Incarnation shows that Jesus is fully human and fully divine (1). He came to Earth to show humanity what God is like (1). John's Gospel explains 'Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me' (John 14:11) (1) • Christians believe that the Incarnation shows God's love to humanity (1), he sent his Son to Earth as a human (1). Timothy taught 'He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit' (1 Timothy 3:16) (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 • Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the reason given. 	5

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1(d)	<p>AO2 12 marks, SPaG 3 marks</p> <p>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>AO2</p> <p>Arguments for the statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians may believe that the biblical account of Creation is metaphorical; that it shows that God is the Creator of the universe but the account is not meant to be understood in a literal manner • Some Christians believe that the Creation account shows that God knows the purpose of the world, he knows why it was created. The Bible explains that he has the knowledge to create the universe, but it does not show how • Some Christians believe that the biblical account of Creation shows how the people who wrote the account understood the creation of the universe, before the scientific explanation was given. <p>Arguments against the statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Christians would say that the biblical account of Creation does explain exactly how the universe was created, they believe that God authored the Bible and describes the process of Creation precisely • Some Christians would say that the Creation account shows exactly how the universe was created. However, each day is not a 24-hour day but a longer length of time and this corresponds with the scientific creation explanations • Some Christians might argue that the biblical account of Creation should be accepted as an exact explanation of the creation of the universe as God is omnipotent and could create the universe in this way if he so wished. <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	15

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SPaG

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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"> • Christians may regard the family as important as it is where children are taught the faith (1) • Some Christians regard the family as important as it provides financial support from within the family (1) • The family is important as it is where children learn Christian morals (1) • Some Churches teach that the family is important as it provides stability in society (1) • Families are important in Christianity as they reflect the Holy Family (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 teaching. Award a second mark for development of the teaching. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Christians teach that family planning should not be used (1). They believe that children should be accepted from God when he wishes (1) • Some Christians teach that family planning can be used (1), as it ensures that children are born when the couple can best raise them (1) • Some Christians regard family planning as best for the health of the mother (1), it ensures the woman does not have too many pregnancies (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated teaching / development • Development that does not relate both to the teaching given and to the question. 	4

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2(c)	<p>AO1 5 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for each response. Award further marks for each development of the response 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"> Some Christians respond to the non-religious idea that marriage is not sacred by explaining that God joins the couple (1), 'what God has joined together, let no one separate' (Mark 10:9) (1). This means that marriage is made by God, it is not just a contract (1) Some Christians respond to non-religious acceptance of co-habitation saying it is not acceptable (1). They teach that marriage is for life and cohabitation may not be (1). In the wedding vows it says, 'to love and to cherish, till death do us part' (1) Some Christians accept the non-religious view that same sex marriage is the same as those of opposite sex couples (1). In 2009 British Quakers agreed to celebrate same sex relationships in their community (1), they would 'celebrate and give full recognition to the committed gay and lesbian relationships that are so clearly visible among us' (<i>We are but witnesses</i>) (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeated response / development Development that does not relate both to the response given and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the response given. 	5

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2(d)	<p>AO2 12 marks</p> <p>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>AO2</p> <p>Arguments for the statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Christians believe that divorce and remarriage should be accepted, although they believe marriage should last for life, it may not be in the interests of the couple to remain married. Thus, if the couple wish to divorce and remarry, they should • Some Christians, such as those in the Church of England, would argue divorce and remarriage should be allowed because it shows forgiveness • Some Christians may argue that teachings within the Bible rejecting divorce and remarriage are now out of date, and as couples live for longer it should be acceptable. <p>Arguments against the statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Christians accept the teaching in Matthew's Gospel that a person who divorces and remarries commits adultery, thus it cannot be acceptable • Some other Christians would argue divorce and remarriage should not be allowed as marriage is a life long bond blessed by God which cannot be broken or replaced • Some Christians, for example Catholics, believe that marriage is not only a legal contract, it is a contract made by God and thus cannot be ended by a civil divorce so remarriage is not acceptable. <p>Accept any other valid response.</p> <p>Candidates who do not consider different points of view within the religious tradition (as instructed in the question) cannot achieve marks beyond Level 2.</p>	12

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3(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"> • Christian Aid aims to end poverty (1) • They work alongside those who live in poverty (1) • They explain that poverty is injustice (1) • They hold fundraising events in the UK (1) • They help communities by providing medicines (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists (maximum of one mark) 	3

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3(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 marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Christians prefer to worship without structure as it is more personal (1) they believe it helps them form a relationship with God (1) • Some Christians prefer less structured worship as it does not limit their prayer (1) they ask the Holy Spirit to work through them (1) • Some worship without structure as they can then pray for the things that they feel are important (1) for example, they can pray for people who are important to them (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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3(d)	<p data-bbox="363 260 764 291">AO2 12 marks, SPaG 3 marks</p> <p data-bbox="363 323 1273 485">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="363 516 428 548">AO2</p> <p data-bbox="363 548 818 579">Arguments for this statement:</p> <ul data-bbox="412 579 1289 905" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="412 579 1256 674">• Some Christians including Catholics believe there are seven sacraments, that they are all instituted by Jesus to provide grace, and as such are valuable in the lives of all Christians <li data-bbox="412 674 1208 768">• Some Christians may feel that all seven sacraments are biblical, and shown to be important by Jesus himself, so should be celebrated <li data-bbox="412 768 1289 905">• Some Christians would argue that all seven sacraments mark important stages in the life a Christian, they provide opportunities to gather and celebrate these events in a religious manner and therefore should be celebrated. <p data-bbox="363 936 878 968">Arguments against the statement:</p> <ul data-bbox="412 968 1281 1356" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="412 968 1281 1094">• Some Christians, including those in the Church of England would argue that only two sacraments, Baptism and Eucharist, are instituted by Jesus and that the others should not be celebrated as they are not biblical <li data-bbox="412 1094 1240 1220">• Some Christians might argue that sacraments are not required, that a personal relationship with the divine is all that is important and that sacraments can be just empty rites <li data-bbox="412 1220 1281 1356">• Some Christians feel that only two sacraments are needed in Christian life, that these two alone show the covenant made with God, these sacraments focus on God, rather than humanity, because of this no others are needed. <p data-bbox="363 1388 802 1419">Accept any other valid response.</p> <p data-bbox="363 1451 1256 1545">Candidates who do not consider different points of view within the religious tradition (as instructed in the question) cannot achieve marks beyond Level 2.</p>	15

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4(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"> • The Bible shows that human life is special as God created it (1) • Humans are special as they are created in the image of God (1) • Human life is special because Jesus was sent to bring humanity salvation (1) • The Bible shows that humans are the pinnacle of God's Creation (1) • The Bible shows that human life should not be taken by anyone but God (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists (maximum of one mark) 	3

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4(b)	<p>AO1 4 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for providing a response. Award a second mark for development of the response. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most Christians respond that it is wrong to use the universe as a commodity (1), they believe the universe should be protected (1) • Most teach that using the universe as a commodity disrespects God's Creation (1). In its original state 'it was very good' (Genesis 1:31) (1) • Some Christians respond that it is acceptable to use the universe as a commodity (1). In Genesis God gives dominion of the earth to Adam (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated response /development • Development that does not relate both to the response given and to the question. 	4

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