



GCE AS

B120UA0-1



FRIDAY, 17 MAY 2024 – 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,

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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)** Explain the origin of the Holy Spirit within the doctrine of the Trinity, with reference to the filioque controversy. [25]
- b)** 'It is impossible to understand the God of Christianity without first understanding the doctrine of the Trinity.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

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- a)** Explain the need for divine forgiveness in theories of Atonement. [25]
- b)** 'Theories of Atonement are incompatible with a loving God.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Explain the key Christian moral principles of:
- (i) regard for truth
- and**
- (ii) the role of conscience. [25]
- b) 'There is no moral principle greater than love of neighbour.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Christianity. [25]

Or,

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- a) Explain ways in which the Bible could be considered authoritative as a source of moral advice. [25]
- b) 'Only the Bible provides guidance on the meaning and purpose of life.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Christianity. [25]

Or,

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- a) Examine the case for believer's baptism. [25]
- b) 'Infant baptism is only a symbolic act.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Christianity. [25]

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