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**Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE**

**Monday 23 June 2025**

Afternoon (Time: 2 hours)

Paper reference **9RS0/4B**

**Religious Studies**

**Advanced**

**PAPER 4: Study of Religion**

**Option 4B: 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.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

## Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

## 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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## 1 Explore key features of Christian belief about the nature of the Church.

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**(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)**



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- 2 Assess the impact within Christianity made by the Pentecostal and Charismatic movement.

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS**



## SECTION B

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

**Read the following passage before answering the questions.**

The term 'atonement' is so deeply embedded in Christian discourse that almost every theologian feels obliged to have a doctrine of some kind under this heading... In its broad etymological meaning, at-one-ment signifies becoming one with God – not ontologically but in the sense of entering into a right relationship with our creator, this being the process or state of salvation. But in its narrower sense atonement refers to a specific method of receiving salvation, one presupposing that the barrier to this is guilt. It is in this context that we find the ideas of penalty, redemption, sacrifice, oblation, propitiation, expiation, satisfaction, substitution, forgiveness, acquittal, ransom, justification, remission of sins, forming a complex of ideas which has long been central to the... development of Christianity.

In this narrower sense, Jesus' crucifixion was an act of atoning, or making up for, human sin. On the other hand, in the broader sense in which atonement simply means salvation, or entering into a right relationship with God, Jesus' death may or may not be separated off from his self-giving life as a whole as having a special significance of its own.

(Source: extract adapted from *The Metaphor of God Incarnate*, Hick, J., Edexcel Anthology)

- 3** (a) Clarify the ideas illustrated in this passage about atonement.

*You must refer to the passage in your response.*

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(b) Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of the substitution model of atonement.

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS**



## SECTION C

**Write your answer in the space provided.**

- 4** Evaluate the impact that the Ecumenical movement has had within Christianity.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Christianity have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics.

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS**  
**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 80 MARKS**



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