



GCE AS/A LEVEL

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FRIDAY, 19 MAY 2023 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1

Option A

An Introduction to the Study of Christianity

1 hour 15 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 **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the 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 30 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 unit.
- 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.
- use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.

UNIT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

Option A – An Introduction to the Study of 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)** Outline different ways in which Protestant and Roman Catholic Christians understand the Eucharist. [15]
- b)** ‘The theoretical beliefs about the Eucharist do not affect the practice of different denominations.’
Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

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- a)** Explain how the Eastern Orthodox and Western churches celebrate Christmas differently. [15]
- b)** ‘Eastern Orthodox and Western churches share very few beliefs and practices with regards to the celebration of Christmas.’
Evaluate this view. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Explain the need for the doctrine of the Trinity within Christianity. [15]
- b) 'The monotheistic claims of the doctrine of the Trinity are not valid.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

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- a) Examine E.P. Sanders' views on the role of works in justification. [15]
- b) 'Faith not works is necessary for salvation.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

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- a) Explain how Christians interpret and apply the birth narratives to the doctrine of the Incarnation. [15]
- b) 'Redaction criticism is important for understanding the biblical birth narratives.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

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