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# Religious Studies

## Unit 3: Religion and life based on a study of Roman Catholic Christianity

Monday 12 May 2014 – Morning  
**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**5RS03/01**

**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 **ONE** question from each of the four **sections**.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- 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 clarity of expression.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## SECTION 1 – BELIEVING IN GOD

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

**YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON YOUR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR IN THIS SECTION.**

**EITHER**

- 1** (a) Give **two** examples of **natural evil**. (2)
- (b) Do you think a religious upbringing leads to belief in God?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how Roman Catholics respond to the scientific explanations of the origins of the world. (8)
- (d) "Religious experiences prove that God exists."  
In your answer you should refer to Roman Catholic Christianity.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**

**(Total for Question 1 = 24 marks)**

**OR**

- 2** (a) What does **conversion** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think a numinous experience leads to belief in God?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why unanswered prayers may lead some people to reject belief in God. (8)
- (d) "God caused the world to exist."  
In your answer you should refer to Roman Catholic Christianity.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**

**(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)**



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## SECTION 2 – MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

### EITHER

- 3** (a) What does **reincarnation** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should agree with abortion?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why some people do not believe in life after death. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should accept euthanasia."  
In your answer you should refer to Roman Catholic Christianity.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 4** (a) What is meant by **non-voluntary euthanasia**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should agree with euthanasia?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain what the British law says about abortion. (8)
- (d) "Beliefs about life after death affect the way a person lives their life."  
In your answer you should refer to Roman Catholic Christianity.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)



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### SECTION 3 – MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5** (a) What is **cohabitation**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Christians should accept sex outside marriage?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why Roman Catholic Christianity teaches that family life is important. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should never divorce."  
In your answer you should refer to Roman Catholic Christianity.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

**OR**

- 6** (a) What is meant by **contraception**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Roman Catholic parishes are needed to help with the upbringing of children?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why some Christians do not accept homosexuality. (8)
- (d) "Pre-marital sex is always wrong."  
In your answer you should refer to Roman Catholic Christianity.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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## SECTION 4 – RELIGION AND COMMUNITY COHESION

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

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- 7** (a) What is meant by **racial harmony**? (2)
- (b) Do you think problems are caused because society is multi-ethnic?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain the benefits of living in a multi-faith society. (8)
- (d) "Men and women are treated equally in the UK today."  
In your answer you should refer to Roman Catholic Christianity.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 8** (a) What is meant by **religious pluralism**? (2)
- (b) Do you think women should have different religious rights to men in Christianity?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why Roman Catholics should encourage racial harmony. (8)
- (d) "Government laws lead to community cohesion."  
In your answer you should refer to Roman Catholic Christianity.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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