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# Religious Studies

## Unit 9 : Christianity

Monday 18 May 2015 – Afternoon

**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**5RS09/01**

**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.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## SECTION 1 – BELIEFS AND VALUES

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

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

**EITHER**

- 1** (a) What are the **creeds**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the purpose of a religious community is to love others?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how love of God can affect a Christian's life. (8)
- (d) "Everyone should believe Jesus is God's Son."  
In your answer you should refer to 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 is the **catechism**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should call God 'Father'?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how the love of God is expressed in the life of a religious community. (8)
- (d) "The Holy Spirit is active in the world."  
In your answer you should refer to 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)**



Indicate which question you are answering by marking the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

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## SECTION 2 – COMMUNITY AND TRADITION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

**EITHER**

- 3** (a) Who are the **laity**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Virgin Mary is important for all Christians?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why some Protestants do not believe the Church has authority. (8)
- (d) "All Christians should obey the Bible."  
In your answer you should refer to 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 3 = 20 marks)

**OR**

- 4** (a) What is **celibacy**? (2)
- (b) Do you think belonging to the Church is the only way to be saved from sin?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why the Bible is important for Christians. (8)
- (d) "All Christians need a Pope."  
In your answer you should refer to 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 4 = 20 marks)



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**SECTION 3 – WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION**

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

**EITHER**

- 5** (a) What is **Advent**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Lent is an important time of year?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why Nonconformist churches have certain features. (8)
- (d) "All Catholics should go to Mass every Sunday."  
In your answer you should refer to 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 5 = 20 marks)**

**OR**

- 6** (a) What is **Holy Week**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Easter Sunday is the most important day of the year for Christians?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain the meaning of the Eucharist for Christians who are not Roman Catholics. (8)
- (d) "All Christians should be confirmed."  
In your answer you should refer to 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 6 = 20 marks)**



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## SECTION 4 – LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

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

### EITHER

- 7 (a) What is **the Sermon on the Mount**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should never be jealous of other people's belongings?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how one Christian organisation helps the poor or those who are suffering in the UK today. (8)
- (d) "You cannot be rich and be a good Christian."  
In your answer you should refer to 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) Give **two** examples of a **religious community**. (2)
- (b) Do you think some vocations are better than others?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how some Christians are involved in working for social and community cohesion. (8)
- (d) "Christians should always 'turn the other cheek'."  
In your answer you should refer to 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 8 = 20 marks)



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