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**Religious Studies
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405001

Unit 1 Christianity

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Part B

Answer **either** Question **B5** or Question **B6** on pages 13 to 20 in the answer booklet.

There are 28 marks for each question.

Four of these marks are for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar [SPaG].

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Either**B5 Beliefs and Sources of Authority**

B5 (a) Explain why the Ascension of Jesus into heaven is an important belief for Christians. [4 marks]

B5 (b) 'Belief in Jesus is all that Christians need to save them from sin.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Christian arguments in your answer.

[6 marks]

B5 (c) (i) Explain what Christians understand by the oneness of God and the Trinity. [4 marks]

B5 (c) (ii) Explain how a fundamentalist understanding of the Bible might affect the life of a Christian. [4 marks]

B5 (d) 'The most important part of a Christian priest's or minister's job is to preach the word of God.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Christian arguments in your answer.

[6 marks]

[SPaG: 4 marks]

[Total marks for this question: 28 marks]

Do **not** answer Question B6 if you have answered Question B5.

or

B6 Festivals

B6 (a) Explain why candles are used as a Christian symbol during the season of Advent. **[4 marks]**

B6 (b) 'The way the festival of Christmas is observed is no longer religious.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Christian arguments in your answer. **[6 marks]**

B6 (c) (i) Explain the importance of Epiphany to Christians. **[4 marks]**

B6 (c) (ii) Explain why a Christian priest may wash the feet of members of the congregation on Maundy Thursday. **[4 marks]**

B6 (d) 'Christians need festivals, such as Christmas and Easter, to help them remember the life of Jesus.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Christian arguments in your answer. **[6 marks]**

[SPaG: 4 marks]

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