



**GCE AS**

B120UA0-1



**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 1**  
**Option A: An Introduction to Christianity**

THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2019 – MORNING

1 hour 30 minutes

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer booklet.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

Each question carries 50 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 component.
- 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.

## COMPONENT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

### Option A – An Introduction to 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,**

1. (a) Explain different ways in which the birth narratives of Jesus help Christians to understand the doctrine of the incarnation. [25]

- (b) 'The birth narratives are a credible source for Christian belief today.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

2. (a) Explain the different views presented by Rudolf Bultmann and N.T. Wright on the resurrection of Jesus. [25]

- (b) 'Bultmann's views on Jesus' resurrection are more convincing than those of N.T. Wright.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

#### Section B

*Answer **one** question from this section.*

**Either,**

3. (a) Explain issues raised by the use of male language about God. [25]

- (b) 'Understanding God as mother weakens the traditional idea of the Christian God.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

4. (a) Explain reasons for Luther's rejection of James 2:24 which states that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. [25]

- (b) 'The New Testament letters only support justification by faith alone.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

5. (a) Explain ways in which God's love is a potential model for Christian behaviour. [25]

- (b) 'God's behaviour towards human beings is not an ideal basis for Christian morality.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

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