Religious Studies A
(Short Course)
Paper 2: Area of Study 2 – Study of Christianity

Monday 14 May 2018 – Afternoon
Time: 50 minutes

You do not need any other materials.

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 all questions.
• Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

Information

• The total mark for this paper is 51.
• The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.
• The question labelled with an asterisk (*) is the one where the quality of your written communication will be assessed – you should take particular care on this question with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the use of specialist terminology.
• The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

Advice

• Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
• Try to answer every question.
• Check your answers if you have time at the end.
Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Question 1: Beliefs

1. (a) Outline **three** events of the last days of Jesus’ life. 

(b) Explain **two** ways the biblical creation account can be understood by Christians.
(c) Explain **two** reasons why the Incarnation is important for Christians today.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority. (5)
In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.

*(d) “God cannot be all loving because suffering exists.”*

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:
• refer to Christian teachings
• reach a justified conclusion.

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Question 2: Practices

2  (a) Outline three ways a Christian may worship.  

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(b) Explain two purposes of missionary work.  

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(c) Explain two reasons why some Christians use set prayers.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority. (5)
(d) “Churches should only support their local community.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:
• refer to Christian teachings
• reach a justified conclusion.

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