



GCE AS/A LEVEL – NEW

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1

Option A

An Introduction to the Study of Christianity

THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2018 – MORNING

1 hour 15 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 30 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 unit.
- 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.
- use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.

UNIT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion
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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) Examine the nature **and** identity of Christ in the doctrine of the Trinity. [15]
- (b) 'The doctrine of the Trinity is necessary to understand the God of Christianity.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

2. (a) Explain the following Atonement theories:
 (i) Christus Victor, **and**
 (ii) the death of Jesus as a substitution. [15]
- (b) 'The Atonement shows God is a God of love rather than a God of wrath.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Section B

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

Either,

3. (a) Explain the teaching the Bible gives about the meaning **and** purpose of life. [15]
- (b) 'The Psalms are ancient songs that provide no guide for living as a Christian today.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

4. (a) Explain the role of the churches in providing **two** of the following:
 (i) Worship and sacraments
 (ii) Religious teaching
 (iii) Mission, service and outreach. [15]
- (b) 'Christian churches today should follow the New Testament model.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

5. (a) Explain the different ways in which Eastern Orthodox and Western churches celebrate Easter. [15]
- (b) 'Easter is the most important of the Christian festivals.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

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