



GCE AS – **NEW**

B120UA0-1



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

THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2018 – 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) Outline the arguments supporting infant baptism **and** adult baptism in Christianity. [25]
- (b) 'Baptism is nothing more than a symbolic act.'
 Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

2. (a) Explain how Easter is celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox church. [25]
- (b) 'A member of the Eastern Orthodox church would not recognise Easter celebrations in a Western church.'
 Evaluate this view. [25]

Section B

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

3. (a) Explain the following Atonement theories:
 (i) Christus Victor, **and**
 (ii) the death of Jesus as a moral example. [25]
- (b) 'Christian explanations of the Atonement are totally contradictory.'
 Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

4. (a) Outline ways in which the Bible is used as a source of authority in Christian daily life. [25]
- (b) 'The Bible provides the best guide to the meaning and purpose of life.'
 Evaluate this view with reference to Christianity. [25]

Or,

5. (a) Examine the religious life of the New Testament community of believers with reference to Acts 2:42-47. [25]
- (b) 'Contemporary Christian churches have very little in common with the New Testament community of believers.'
 Evaluate this view. [25]

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