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Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)

Monday 15 May 2023

Morning (Time: 1 hour 45 minutes)

Paper
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Religious Studies A

PAPER 1: Area of Study 1 – Study of Religion

Option 1A – Catholic Christianity

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

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 102.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care on these questions 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.

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Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Question 1: Beliefs and Teachings

1 (a) Outline **three** details of the baptism of Jesus.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why belief in God the Father is important to Catholics.

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***(d) "The Paschal Mystery should be the main focus in a Catholic's life."**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Catholic teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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Question 2: Practices

2 (a) Outline **three** practices of the Catholic funeral rite.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why Catholics use different forms of prayer.

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(c) Explain **two** purposes of the sacrament of the sick.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) "Jerusalem is the only place Christians need to go on pilgrimage."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Catholic teachings
- refer to different Christian points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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Question 3: Sources of Wisdom and Authority

3 (a) Outline **three** sources of moral teaching for Catholics.

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(b) Explain **two** types of writings found in the Bible.

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(c) Explain **two** Catholic beliefs about the Church as the Body of Christ.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.

***(d)** "The magisterium is the best source of religious teaching."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Catholic teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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Question 4: Forms of Expression and Ways of Life

4 (a) Outline **three** symbols used in Christianity.

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(b) Explain **two** ways belief is expressed in one piece of religious art.

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(d) "Religious sculptures and statues have lost their significance."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Catholic teachings
- refer to different Christian points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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