



**GCE A LEVEL – NEW**

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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – A level component 1**  
**A Study of Religion**

**Option A: CHRISTIANITY**

**TUESDAY, 5 JUNE 2018 – MORNING**

**2 hours**

**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.
- account for the influence of social; religious and historical factors on the developments in the study of religions and belief.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component, including the views of scholars and academics.
- identify and analyse the nature of connections between the components you have studied.
- construct well informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.

**Component 1 – A Study of Religion**

**Option A – A Study of 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) Compare the birth narratives in Matthew 1:18-2:23 and Luke 1:26-2:40. [20]
- (b) 'The birth narratives indicate clearly the identity of Jesus.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Or,**

2. (a) Explain how the Christian biblical canon was established. [20]
- (b) 'The Bible cannot be regarded as the inspired word of God.'  
Evaluate this view with reference to Christianity. [30]

**Section B**

*Answer one question from this section.*

**Either,**

3. (a) Examine the distinctive features of the celebration of Easter in the Eastern Orthodox church. [20]
- (b) 'The differences in the celebration of Easter between Eastern Orthodox and Western churches are of no significance.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Or,**

4. (a) Examine the views of Richard Dawkins on the relationship between religion and science. [20]
- (b) 'Scientists must be atheists.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Or,**

5. (a) Explain the main beliefs and practices of the Charismatic Movement. [20]
- (b) 'The Charismatic Movement has more weaknesses than strengths.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**END OF PAPER**