



**GCE A LEVEL**

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**TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 2019 – MORNING**

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

**Option A: CHRISTIANITY**

2 hours

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use pencil or gel pen. Do not use correction fluid.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left hand margin at the start of each answer.

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

**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,**

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- a) Explain how the filioque controversy could create different views about the doctrine of the Trinity. [20]
- b) 'The monotheistic claims of Christianity are not compatible with the doctrine of the Trinity.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Or,**

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- a) Examine different responses to the issue of male language about God. [20]
- b) 'If God has no gender, then God as female is not problematic.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

#### Section B

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

**Either,**

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- a) Explain Crossan's view that Jesus was a social revolutionary. [20]
- b) 'The apocryphal gospels are not a valid basis for understanding Jesus.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Or,**

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- a) Examine the evidence for claiming that the UK can be called a 'Christian country'. [20]
- b) 'The Christian response to the challenge of secularism has been effective.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Or,**

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- a) Explain how South American liberation theology has responded to the issues of poverty and injustice. [20]
- b) 'South American liberation theology is more political than it is religious.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

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