



GCSE

3121U30

WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2025 – AFTERNOON

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – Unit 3

PART A – Catholic Christianity

PART B – Religious Responses to Ethical Themes

Theme 1: Relationships

Theme 2: Human Rights

2 hours plus your additional time allowance

Surname _____

First name(s) _____

Centre Number _____

Candidate Number 0 _____

PART A	For Examiner's use only		
	Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
	1	30	
	SPaG	6	
PART B	2	30	
	3	30	
	4	30	
	Total	126	

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on page 2.

Answer ALL questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. If you run out of space, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet taking care to number the question(s) correctly.

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INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

Your ability to spell, punctuate and use accurate grammar is assessed in question 1(d).

You are expected to use specialist terminology accurately and make reference to sources of religious wisdom and authority (including religious texts), where relevant.

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Answer ALL questions.

PART A – CORE BELIEFS, TEACHINGS AND PRACTICES

CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY

**1 (a) What do Catholics mean by
‘purgatory’? [2 marks]**

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1 (b) Describe what Catholics might do to celebrate Christmas. [5 marks]

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1 (c) Explain the importance of a place of worship for Catholics. [8 marks]

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1 (d) 'Advent is the most important time in the Church's year.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

Marks for spelling, punctuation and the accurate use of grammar are allocated to this question. [6 marks]

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PART A – CORE BELIEFS, TEACHINGS AND PRACTICES

CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY

2 (a) What do Catholics mean by 'Theotokos'? [2 marks]

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2 (b) Describe the Virgin Birth stories.

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2 (c) Explain how Catholic beliefs are depicted through art. [8 marks]

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2 (d) ‘Praying using rosary beads is the best way to worship God.’

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

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PART B – RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO ETHICAL THEMES

THEME 1: RELATIONSHIPS

3 (a) What do Catholics mean by ‘commitment’? [2 marks]

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3 (b) Describe what happens in a Catholic marriage ceremony. [5 marks]

3 (c) Explain the Catholic Church's attitude to adultery. [8 marks]

3 (d) 'It is difficult for a Catholic to be married to a non-Catholic.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

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PART B – RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO ETHICAL THEMES

THEME 2: HUMAN RIGHTS

4 (a) What do Catholics mean by ‘censorship’? [2 marks]

(Turn over)

4 (b) Describe Catholic teachings on the equality of women and men.

[5 marks]

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4 (c) Explain Catholic views about wealth.
[8 marks]

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4 (d) ‘Catholics should do more to promote human rights.’

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

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