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2 hours, plus your additional time allowance

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number and candidate number on the top of your first answer sheet.

Write the question number at the start of each answer.

Answer **all** questions.

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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'? [6 print lines] [2 marks]

(b) Describe what Catholics might do to celebrate Christmas. [½ page] [5 marks]

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

Turn over for Question 1(d).

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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.) [2 pages] [15 marks]

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

Turn over for Question 2.

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2. (a) What do Catholics mean by 'Theotokos'? [6 lines] [2 marks]

(b) Describe the Virgin Birth stories. [½ page] [5 marks]

(c) Explain how Catholic beliefs are depicted through art. [1 page] [8 marks]

(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.) [2 pages] [15 marks]

Turn over for Part B.

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PART B –
Religious Responses to
Ethical Themes

Theme 1: Relationships

3. (a) What do Catholics mean by 'commitment'? [6 lines] [2 marks]

(b) Describe what happens in a Catholic marriage ceremony. [½ page] [5 marks]

(c) Explain the Catholic Church's attitude to adultery. [1 page] [8 marks]

(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.) [2 pages] [15 marks]

Turn over for Question 4.

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Theme 2: Human Rights

4. (a) What do Catholics mean by 'censorship'? [6 lines] [2 marks]

(b) Describe Catholic teachings on the equality of women and men. [½ page]
[5 marks]

(c) Explain Catholic views about wealth. [1 page] [8 marks]

(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.) [2 pages] [15 marks]

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