



GCSE

3120UA0-1

WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 2025 – AFTERNOON

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – Unit 1

PART A – Core Beliefs, Teachings and Practices

Christianity

Judaism

PART B – Religious Responses to Philosophical Themes

Theme 1: Life and Death

Theme 2: Good and Evil

2 hours plus your additional time allowance

Surname _____

First name(s) _____

Centre Number _____

Candidate Number 0 _____

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PART A	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 the front cover.

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.

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.

Answer ALL questions.

PART A – CORE BELIEFS, TEACHINGS AND PRACTICES

CHRISTIANITY

1 (a) What do Christians mean by 'Messiah'? [2 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

1 (b) Describe Christian approaches to ethical decision making. [5 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

[illegible]

1 (c) Explain Christian teachings about love. [8 marks]

(Turn over)

1 (d) 'Helping the community is the most important role of a church or chapel.'

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]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

SPaG
6

(Turn over)

PART A – CORE BELIEFS, TEACHINGS AND PRACTICES

JUDAISM

2 (a) What do Jews mean by ‘omnibenevolence’?

[2 marks]

(Turn over)

2 (b) Describe how Jews use the synagogue for prayer. [5 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

2 (c) Explain the teachings of the Shema. [8 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

2 (d) 'It is easy for Jews to observe Shabbat in Britain.'

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]

(Turn over)

[illegible]

PART B – RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO PHILOSOPHICAL THEMES

THEME 1: LIFE AND DEATH

3 (a) What is meant by ‘afterlife’? [2 marks]

(Turn over)

3 (b) Describe Christian OR Jewish beliefs about caring for the world. [5 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

3 (c) Explain Christian AND Jewish teachings about the origin of the universe. [8 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

3 (d) ‘Only God has the right to choose when a person’s life ends.’

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

(You must refer to religious AND non-religious beliefs, such as those held by Humanists and Atheists, in your answer.) [15 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

[illegible]

**PART B – RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO
PHILOSOPHICAL THEMES**

THEME 2: GOOD AND EVIL

4 (a) What is meant by ‘suffering’? [2 marks]

(Turn over)

4 (b) Describe Christian OR Jewish attitudes towards pacifism. [5 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

4 (c) Explain Christian AND Jewish beliefs about how criminals should be treated. [8 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

4 (d) 'The death penalty is a fair punishment.'

**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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