



GCE AS – NEW



B120UA0-1

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS COMPONENT 1

OPTION A: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIANITY

THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2017 – MORNING

1 hour 30 minutes plus your additional time allowance

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

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.

identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component.

construct well informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.

engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.

present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.

use specialist language and terminology appropriately.

COMPONENT 1 – AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF RELIGION

OPTION A – AN INTRODUCTION TO 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) **Outline Sallie McFague’s responses to the view that God is male. [25]**
- (b) **‘The concept of God as mother helps Christians to understand more about the nature of God.’
Evaluate this view. [25]**

OR,

- 2. (a) Explain why there is need for the doctrine of the Trinity in Christianity. [25]**
- (b) 'The doctrine of the Trinity is not compatible with monotheism.'
Evaluate this view. [25]**

Section B

Answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER,

- 3. (a) Explain the views of Rudolf Bultmann on Jesus' resurrection. [25]**
- (b) 'Bultmann's views about the historical reliability of the resurrection make Christianity meaningless.'
Evaluate this view. [25]**

OR,

- 4. (a) Examine the importance for Christians of the principle of love of neighbour. [25]**
- (b) 'Love of neighbour is the only moral principle a Christian needs for today.' Evaluate this view. [25]**

OR,

- 5. (a) Explain different Protestant approaches to understanding the Eucharist in Christianity. [25]**
- (b) 'There is no common ground between Christian understandings of the Eucharist.' Evaluate this view. [25]**

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