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Tuesday 13 May 2025

Morning (Time: 1 hour 45 minutes) **Paper reference** **1RA0/1A**

Religious Studies A

PAPER 1: Area of Study 1 – Study of Religion

Option 1A – Catholic Christianity

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 102.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the use of specialist terminology.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Question 1: Beliefs and Teachings

- 1 (a) Outline **three** beliefs about the Incarnation.

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- (b) Explain **two** ways the baptism of Jesus shows God as a Trinity of Persons.

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(c) Explain **two** features of the ascension of Jesus.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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- *(d) "The most important message of the Creation account is that humans have a special relationship with the world."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- refer to Catholic teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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(Total for Question 1 = 27 marks)



Question 2: Practices

2 (a) Outline **three** effects of the sacrament of confirmation.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why Mass is the source and summit of Christian life.

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(c) Explain **two** ways the Church fulfils the commission of Jesus.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) "Catholics should focus more on the inclusion of the poor in society."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- refer to Catholic teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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Question 3: Sources of Wisdom and Authority

3 (a) Outline **three** areas of focus in the Second Vatican Council.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why Catholics believe the Bible is a source of guidance and teaching.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why the Church is catholic.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.

*(d) "All Christians should hold the same views about the Church as the body of Christ."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- refer to Catholic teachings
- refer to different Christian points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons the design of a Catholic church is important.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) "Symbolism and imagery in art are the best way to show belief."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must :

- refer to Catholic teachings
- refer to different Christian points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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(Total for Question 4 = 24 marks)

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