



**GCE AS/A LEVEL – NEW**

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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1**

**Option A**

**An Introduction to the Study of Christianity**

**THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2017 – MORNING**

**1 hour 15 minutes**

### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

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 30 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 unit.
- 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.
- use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.

## UNIT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

### Option A – An Introduction to the Study of 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) Examine Augustine's understanding of baptism. [15]
- (b) 'Baptism in itself has no saving power.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Or,**

2. (a) Examine **two** different ways in which Christians understand the Eucharist. [15]
- (b) 'In the Eucharist, the bread and the wine are more than just symbols.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

#### Section B

*Answer **one** question from this section.*

**Either,**

3. (a) Outline ways in which the resurrection of Jesus has been understood by Bultmann and Wright. [15]
- (b) 'Bultmann's interpretation of the resurrection is more convincing than Wright's interpretation.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Or,**

4. (a) Examine issues concerning the use of male language about God. [15]
- (b) 'God is best described as mother rather than father.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Or,**

5. (a) Explain why forgiveness **and** love of neighbour are important to Christians. [15]
- (b) 'Love of neighbour is the most important moral principle for Christians.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**END OF PAPER**