



General Certificate of Secondary Education
2025

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Religious Studies

Paper 1

The Christian Church through
a Study of the Catholic Church
and the Protestant Church

MV18

[GRE11]

FRIDAY 30 MAY, AFTERNOON

Time

1 hour 30 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

Instructions to Candidates

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Do not write on blank pages.

Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** and **two** from **three** questions in **Section B** in the spaces provided in this booklet.

Information for Candidates

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **Section B** Questions **5(c)**, **6(c)** and **7(c)**, where **two** questions only are required to be completed.

Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 The birth of the church

(a) (i) Who compared the church to a human body?
[1 mark]

(ii) Name **two** gifts of the Holy Spirit.
[1 mark for each]

1. _____

2. _____

(iii) Give **two** characteristics of the Early Church.
[1 mark for each]

1. _____

2. _____

(c) “Christians today have a lot to learn from the Early Church.”

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. [5 marks]

2 The role of the church in contemporary society

(a)(i) What is community cohesion? [1 mark]

(ii) Name **one** organisation that works for community cohesion. [1 mark]

(iii) Suggest **one** way the church can contribute to the local community. [1 mark]

(iv) Give **two** reasons why fewer people are practising their faith. [1 mark for each]

1. _____

2. _____

Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section.

Write on the pages provided at the end of the examination paper.

5 Church buildings and furniture

- (a) Describe some of the different styles of church architecture. [5 marks]

- (b) Explain the significance of **three** key items of furniture from **one** Christian Church. [5 marks]

- (c) “Praying at home is as important as worshipping in a church building.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. [10 marks]

6 Sacraments and ordinances

- (a) Describe the ceremony of baptism in a Christian Church of your choice. [5 marks]
- (b) Explain why some Christian parents choose baptism for their children. [5 marks]
- (c) “Celebrating the Eucharist or Communion is the most important part of being a Christian.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. [10 marks]

7 Christian worship

- (a) Describe how the Bible is used in Christian worship. [5 marks]
- (b) Explain why some Christian Churches use liturgical worship. [5 marks]
- (c) “Encouraging all Christians to worship together should be the main priority of the churches today.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. [10 marks]

6 Sacraments and ordinances

(a) Describe the ceremony of baptism in a Christian Church of your choice. [5 marks]

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