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Religious Studies

Paper 3

The Revelation of God
and the Christian Church



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WEDNESDAY 21 MAY, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

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 outside the boxed area on each page or 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 down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 The teaching of Jesus

(a) (i) What does the word disciple mean?

_____ [1]

(ii) What **two** things did Jesus tell his disciples about how to pray?

1. _____ [1]

2. _____ [1]

(iii) In the story of the Pharisee and the tax collector, what did the Pharisee say he did twice a week?

_____ [1]

(iv) What did the tax collector ask God for?

_____ [1]

(b) Explain why Jesus used parables to teach people.

_____ [5]



2 The Christian Church

(a) (i) Name **two** different styles of church architecture.

1. _____ [1]

2. _____ [1]

(ii) What is the purpose of each of the following:

Pulpit?

_____ [1]

Altar?

_____ [1]

Tabernacle?

_____ [1]

(b) Do you think churches should do more to use their buildings to benefit everyone in the community?

Give reasons for your answer.

_____ [5]



3 The identity of Jesus



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(a) Retell the story of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist.

[5]



Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section.

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

5 The death and resurrection of Jesus

- (a) Describe what happened when Jesus was arrested. [5]
- (b) Explain why Jesus came into conflict with the Jewish religious leaders. [5]
- (c) “Jesus faced his greatest challenge in the Garden of Gethsemane.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to relevant Bible passages in your answer. [10]

6 The encounters of Jesus with others

- (a) Describe Jesus’ healing of the leprosy sufferers. [5]
- (b) Explain the significance of Jesus’ encounter with a tax collector. [5]
- (c) “People today have a lot to learn from Jesus’ encounters with others.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to relevant Bible passages in your answer. [10]

7 The role of the Church in contemporary society

- (a) Describe how the Christian Church contributes to community cohesion. [5]
- (b) Explain some of the challenges of changing social trends for the Church today. [5]
- (c) “Religion only creates divisions in society.”

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





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