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# Religious Studies

Paper 2a

The Christian Church  
with a Focus on the  
Catholic Church



**[GRE21]**  
**Assessment**

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**TIME**

1 hour 30 minutes.

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**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.**

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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.



## Section A

Answer **all** questions.

### 1 St Patrick

(a) (i) Where was Patrick born?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(ii) When do we celebrate the Feast of St Patrick?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(iii) Why is the shamrock associated with St Patrick?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(iv) Name **two** religious-based activities that may help people celebrate St Patrick's day.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

2. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]





## 2 Worship

(a) (i) Name a prayer used when saying the rosary.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(ii) Name **two** mysteries of the rosary.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ [2]

(iii) Where is the sermon/homily preached from?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(iv) Where is the unused consecrated bread left in a Catholic church?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]













## Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section.

### 5 Worship

- (a) Describe the Mass Service in the Catholic Church. [5]
- (b) Explain why the Eucharist is the most important sacrament in the Catholic Church. [5]
- (c) “You can worship God anywhere; you do not need to go to church.”

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

### 6 Birth of Christianity

- (a) Describe, with reference to scripture, **two** characteristics of the Early Church. [5]
- (b) Explain why Pentecost is viewed as the birthday of the Christian Church. [5]
- (c) “Religious leaders in the Catholic Church today have an easier role than the apostles in the Early Church.”

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

### 7 Baptism

- (a) Describe the ceremony of infant baptism in the Catholic Church. [5]
- (b) Explain the meaning of the main symbols used during a baptism ceremony. [5]
- (c) “Baptism today is becoming more of a social occasion rather than an important religious event.”

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





























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