



General Certificate of Secondary Education
2022

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Religious Studies

Paper 2a

The Christian Church
with a Focus on the
Catholic Church



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THURSDAY 9 JUNE, 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.



Section A

Answer **all** questions

1 Prayer in the Catholic Church

(a) (i) What is prayer?

_____ [1]

(ii) Name **two** prayers in the Catholic tradition.

1. _____ [1]

2. _____ [1]

(iii) Give **two** prayer aids Catholics use in private worship.

1. _____ [1]

2. _____ [1]



2 The role of the church in contemporary society

(a) (i) What is community cohesion?

_____ [1]

(ii) Name **two** organisations that promote community cohesion.

1. _____ [1]

2. _____ [1]

(iii) Give **two** social challenges faced by the Catholic Church in society today.

1. _____ [1]

2. _____ [1]

(b) Do you think young people should be involved in serving the community through the Catholic Church?

Give reasons for your answer.

_____ [5]



Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section.

5 The birth of the Christian Church and Christianity in Ireland

(a) Describe St Paul's teaching on the Church. [5]

(b) Explain what Christian qualities St Patrick showed throughout his time in Ireland. [5]

(c) "The teachings of St Patrick are still relevant in society today."

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

6 Sacraments in the Catholic Church

(a) Describe the different ways in which Reconciliation may be celebrated. [5]

(b) Explain the meaning and importance of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. [5]

(c) "Catholics should celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation more often."

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

7 Worship in the Catholic Church

(a) Describe some of the ways in which Catholics show respect for Mary. [5]

(b) Explain the role of Saints in the Catholic Church. [5]

(c) "The Catholic Church today spends too much time celebrating past religious events."

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

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