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# Religious Studies

Paper 3

The Revelation of God  
and the Christian Church



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**THURSDAY 16 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.



## Section A

Answer **all** questions.

### 1 Peter's declaration and Jesus' transfiguration

(a) (i) In Peter's declaration, which town were Jesus and the disciples near?

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(ii) Who did Peter say Jesus was?

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(iii) How long after Peter's declaration about Jesus did the transfiguration take place?

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(iv) Name the **two** Old Testament figures who appeared with Jesus at his transfiguration.

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

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





## 2 The role of the church in contemporary society

(a) (i) Name **one** organisation that works towards reconciliation between communities in Northern Ireland.

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(ii) Give **two** examples of Christian outreach that benefit the local community.

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

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

(iii) Give **two** moral challenges faced by Christians today.

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

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

(b) Do you think Church teaching on moral issues is out of date?

Give reasons for your answer.

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## Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section.

### 5 The identity of Jesus

(a) Describe the announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary. [5]

(b) Explain how angels and visions were important in the story of the birth of Jesus. [5]

(c) "People find it difficult to accept the miracle of the virgin birth."

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 teaching of Jesus

(a) Outline Jesus' teaching on forgiveness. [5]

(b) Explain how Christians are influenced by the teaching of Jesus. [5]

(c) "Christians can learn more from what Jesus did than from what he said."

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 Sacraments and ordinances

(a) Describe the ceremony of baptism in a Christian Church you have studied. [5]

(b) Explain the importance of the Eucharist or Communion for Christians. [5]

(c) "Being baptised as an infant is better than being baptised as an adult."

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





























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