Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

Time 2 hours

Paper reference **9RS0/4B**

Religious Studies

Advanced
PAPER 4: Study of Religion
Option 4B: Christianity

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
  – *there may be more space than you need*.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
  – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question*.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1 Explore key themes of Black theology.

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(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)

2 Assess the Christian belief that the Bible is the word of God.

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(Total for Question 2 = 12 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS

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SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

What you believe has a very significant impact on life and thought…how deeply we hold our beliefs, and the impact that they make on everything. Dawkins is right – beliefs are critical. We base our lives on them; they shape our decisions about the most fundamental things. I can still remember the turbulence that I found myself experiencing on making the intellectually painful (yet rewarding) transition from atheism to Christianity. Every part of my mental furniture had to be rearranged. Dawkins is correct – unquestionably correct – when he demands that we should not base our lives on delusions. We all need to examine our beliefs – especially if we are naïve enough to think that we don't have any in the first place. But who, I wonder, is really deluded about God? …our beliefs may be shown to be justifiable, without thereby demonstrating that they are proven… [But] Dawkins insists that Christian belief is "a persistently false belief held in the face of strong contradictory evidence."

(Source: extract adapted from '*The Dawkins Delusion*', McGrath, A., Edexcel Anthology)

3 (a) Clarify McGrath's ideas, illustrated in this passage, about examining our beliefs.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the strengths of McGrath's critique of Dawkins.

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(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS

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SECTION C

Write your answer in the space provided.

4 Evaluate the significance of the Eucharist for believers.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Christianity have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics.

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(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 80 MARKS

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