



GCE AS/A level

551/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 1α
An Introduction to Christianity

P.M. TUESDAY, 3 June 2008

1 hour

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry 20 marks. The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all questions.

Answer Question 1 and one other question.

1.

The celebration of the eucharist in the Orthodox and Catholic traditions reflects certain beliefs. These beliefs are not only about the correct form and precise meaning of all that happens in the eucharist, but also about its deeper significance and meaning for believers. Protestants celebrate the eucharist in a different way to reflect a different belief.

- (a) Explain how *the celebration of the eucharist in the Orthodox and Catholic traditions reflects certain beliefs.* [10]
- (b) Explain how *Protestants celebrate the eucharist in a different way to reflect a different belief.* [10]
2. (a) Examine the consequences of the Great Schism of 1054. [10]
- (b) ‘The Great Schism was a total disaster for the Church.’
Assess this view. [10]
3. (a) Explain how Christian celebrations of Christmas reflect the significance of the Incarnation. [10]
- (b) ‘Christmas celebrations are no longer based on what the Bible says.’
Assess this view. [10]