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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION A) 3061/6/A**  
**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION A) (SHORT COURSE)**  
**Paper 1A Christianity**



Thursday 17 May 2007 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**You will need no other materials.**

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Write your answers to Parts A and B in the spaces provided in this booklet.
- Write your answers to Part C on the continuation sheets at the end of this booklet.
- If you use any additional answer sheets, tie them loosely to the back of this booklet.
- Do all rough work in this booklet or on the continuation sheets. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.
- You must **not** use a Bible.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 83.
- Three of these marks will be awarded for the Quality of Written Communication.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.
- Pages 9 and 10 are perforated. You may remove these pages if you wish.

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| Question                         | Mark | Question | Mark |
| A1                               |      | C5       |      |
| A2                               |      | C6       |      |
| B3                               |      |          |      |
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**PART A**

Answer **all** questions in this part in the spaces provided.

**A1 Places of Worship**

(a) Why is the pulpit important in many church buildings?

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*(2 marks)*

(b) Why is the altar important in many church buildings?

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*(2 marks)*

(c) Why is the iconostasis important in Orthodox church buildings?

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(d) Why do some Christians think it is important that their place of worship is plain and simply decorated?

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*(2 marks)*

**A2 The Bible**

(a) Explain how the Old Testament and the New Testament are different.

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(b) Explain why Christians read the Bible in their private worship.

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(c) Why do Christians say the Lord's Prayer?

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**PART B**

Answer **all** questions in this part in the spaces provided.

**B3 Worship**

Look at this photograph of spontaneous or charismatic worship.



Source: Spring Harvest

(a) What do Christians believe about the Holy Spirit?

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*(4 marks)*

(b) Why do people worship in a spontaneous or charismatic way?

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(c) ‘Singing is the best way for Christians to worship.’

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view.

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*(5 marks)*

**B4 Holy Communion**

Read these sentences from a communion service.

**Box A**

“Jesus took bread and, having said the blessing, broke it.”

**Box B**

“Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

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- (a) What name do Christians give to the meal at which Jesus took the bread and broke it?

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(1 mark)

- (b) (i) Read the words in **Box A**.

What did Jesus do and say immediately after he took the bread and broke it?

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(ii) Read the words in **Boxes A and B**.

Explain why Holy Communion is important to Christians.

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*(4 marks)*

(c) ‘Christians from all traditions / denominations should meet together and share Holy Communion.’

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view.

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*(5 marks)*

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**PART C**

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Answer **all** questions in this part on pages 11 to 16.

There are 20 marks for each question.

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**C5 Rites of Passage**

- (a) Describe what is said and done at an infant baptism. *(7 marks)*
- (b) (i) Explain the differences between infant baptism and believers' baptism. *(4 marks)*
- (ii) Describe what happens at Chrismation. *(4 marks)*
- (c) 'If a person says 'I am a Christian', that should be enough. There is no need for baptism.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

**C6 Festivals and Belief**

- (a) Choose

**EITHER** Advent, Christmas and Epiphany  
**OR** Holy Week and Easter.

Explain **two** religious customs with which Christians celebrate the festivals you have chosen. *(8 marks)*

- (b) "I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary..." *(Apostles' Creed)*

Explain why it is important to many Christians that they believe these words. *(7 marks)*

- (c) 'What Christian priests / ministers do is more important than what they believe.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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