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Religious Studies

Paper 3
The Revelation of God and
the Christian Church



[GRS31]
WEDNESDAY 13 MAY, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 30 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** in the spaces provided in this booklet **and two** from **three** questions in **Section B** on the lined pages at the end of this booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 105.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Spelling, punctuation and accurate use of grammar 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.

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Question Number	Marks
Section A	
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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 The Christian Church

(a) (i) What is the name of the festival that celebrates the birth of Jesus?

_____ [1]

(ii) What is the name given to the four weeks leading up to the birth of Jesus?

_____ [1]

(iii) What event in the Church Calendar is remembered at Epiphany?

_____ [1]

(iv) Why do some Christians remember Saints' Days?

_____ [1]

(v) Write down **one** way in which harvest is celebrated in some churches.

_____ [1]

Examiner Only

Marks Remark

(b) Explain why Easter is an important time for Christians.

[5]

(c) “During Lent it is more important to help others than to give things up.”
 Do you agree or disagree? Write down reasons for your answer.

[5]

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2 The Deeds of Jesus

- (a) (i) Write down the name of **one** group of religious leaders that Jesus called “hypocrites”.

_____ [1]

- (ii) What did the Canaanite woman ask Jesus to do for her?

_____ [1]

- (iii) In what town was Jesus anointed with expensive perfume?

_____ [1]

- (iv) What did Jesus ask the Samaritan woman at the well to give him?

_____ [1]

- (v) The religious leaders brought a sinful woman to Jesus. What had she done?

_____ [1]

Examiner Only

Marks Remark

(b) "Society today has a lot to learn from the example of how Jesus treated other people."

Do you agree or disagree? Write down reasons for your answer showing that you have thought about different points of view.

[10]

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Jesus’ teaching on wealth

“You cannot be a slave of two masters; you will hate one and love the other; you will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. This is why I tell you: do not be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about clothes for your body. After all, isn’t life worth more than food? And isn’t the body worth more than clothes? Look at the birds: they do not plant seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns; yet your Father in heaven takes care of them! Aren’t you worth much more than birds? Can any of you live a bit longer by worrying about it?

“And why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow: they do not work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers. It is God who clothes the wild grass—grass that is here today and gone tomorrow, burned up in the oven. Won’t he be all the more sure to clothe you? What little faith you have!

“So do not start worrying: ‘Where will my food come from? or my drink? or my clothes?’ (These are the things the pagans are always concerned about.) Your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things. So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the troubles each day brings.”

Matthew 6:24–34 (GNB)

(a) Using the information in the passage above, describe Jesus’ teaching on wealth.

[5]

(b) Explain what Jesus taught about discipleship.

[5]

(c) “Do not take revenge is the most difficult part of Jesus’ teaching to follow.”

Do you agree or disagree? Write down reasons for your answer.

[5]

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4 The Christian Church

(a) Choose **one** church you have studied. Describe what happens at a baptism service.

[5]

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Section B

Answer **two** from **three** questions.

Five marks will be given for spelling, punctuation and accurate use of grammar in part (c) of your answers.

Write your answers on the pages that are at the end of the examination paper.

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5 The Identity of Jesus

- (a) Describe what happened when the angels appeared to the shepherds. [5]
- (b) Explain how angels and visions played an important role in the birth of Jesus. [5]
- (c) "Son of God is the best title for Jesus."
Do you agree? Write down reasons for your answer. [10]

6 The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

- (a) Write about what happened when Jesus ate the Last Supper with his disciples. [5]
- (b) Explain how Jesus' trial by the religious leaders was unfair. [5]
- (c) "The Resurrection is the most important event in the life of Jesus."
Do you agree? Write down reasons for your answer. [10]

7 The Christian Church

- (a) Choose **one** denomination you have studied. Describe the main features of Sunday worship. [5]
- (b) Explain why some churches use the same order of service each week. [5]
- (c) "Churches are the centre of the local community."
Do you agree? Write down reasons for your answer. [10]

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