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Religious Studies

Paper 3
The Revelation of God and
the Christian Church



GRS31

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WEDNESDAY 18 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.

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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Section A	
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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

(a) (i) What did Jesus say about the bread at the Last Supper?

_____ [1]

(ii) Name the disciple who betrayed Jesus to the Jewish leaders.

_____ [1]

(iii) Name the Roman Governor who questioned Jesus at his trial.

_____ [1]

(iv) Name the person who helped Jesus to carry his cross.

_____ [1]

(v) When did the women discover the empty tomb?

_____ [1]

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(b) Explain how the example of Jesus' suffering and death can help people today.

[5]

(c) "The Jewish leaders were to blame for the death of Jesus."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer.

[5]

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2 The Christian Church

(a) (i) Name a denomination which baptises adults by total immersion.

_____ [1]

(ii) During a service of infant baptism, who makes promises on behalf of the child?

_____ [1]

(iii) Give **one** symbol used during baptism.

_____ [1]

(iv) What does the wine represent at Communion/Eucharist?

_____ [1]

(v) Name a denomination which uses a shared cup or chalice at Communion/Eucharist.

_____ [1]

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(b) “It is important to take part in Communion/Eucharist at least once a week.”

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

[10]

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3 The Birth of Jesus

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Visitors from the East

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterward, some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard about this, he was very upset, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem.⁴ He called together all the chief priests and the teachers of the Law and asked them, “Where will the Messiah be born?”

“In the town of Bethlehem in Judea,” they answered. “For this is what the prophet wrote:

‘Bethlehem in the land of Judah,
you are by no means the least of the leading cities of Judah;
for from you will come a leader
who will guide my people Israel.’”

So Herod called the visitors from the East to a secret meeting and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem with these instructions: “Go and make a careful search for the child; and when you find him, let me know, so that I too may go and worship him.”

Matthew 2:1–8 (GNB)

(a) Using the information in the passage above, describe the reasons for Herod’s reaction to the arrival of the visitors from the East.

[5]

(b) Explain the significance of the gifts brought to Jesus by the visitors from the East.

[5]

(c) "Mary and Joseph are good role models for Christians."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer.

[5]

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4 The Christian Church

(a) Name **two** items of church furniture that are used in worship. Describe the location and function of each.

[5]

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(b) "The sermon or homily is the most important part of church worship."

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

[10]

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Section B

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

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

Write on the pages provided at the end of the examination paper.

5 The Deeds of Jesus

(a) Describe what happened when Jesus was anointed at Bethany. [5]

(b) Explain why Jesus criticised the Jewish leaders. [5]

(c) “People today have a lot to learn from the example of Jesus about behaviour towards those who are social outcasts.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

6 The Teaching of Jesus

(a) Outline the parable Jesus told about a Pharisee and a Tax Collector. [5]

(b) Explain the meaning of Jesus’ Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. [5]

(c) “Many Christians do not take Jesus’ teaching on wealth seriously.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

7 The Christian Church

(a) Describe how music is used in church services. [5]

(b) Explain why prayer is important in Christian worship. [5]

(c) “Churches need to make more effort to appeal to young people.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

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