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# Religious Studies A

**PAPER 3: Area of Study 3 – Philosophy and Ethics**

**Option 3A – Catholic 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.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

## Information

- The total mark for this paper is 51.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- The question labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) is the one where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care on this question with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the use of specialist terminology.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

## Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
- Good luck with your examination.

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

**Question 1: Arguments for the Existence of God**

1 (a) Outline **three** features of the design argument.

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(b) Explain **two** issues that suffering might raise for Catholics.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why Catholics believe visions prove that God exists.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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**In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.**

\* (d) "Only God could have caused the world."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Catholic teachings
- refer to non-religious points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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**Question 2: Religious Teachings on Relationships and Families in the 21st Century**

2 (a) Outline **three** ways the local parish supports the family.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why some Christians allow divorce.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why the Catholic Church believes that men and women have different roles in the Church.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) "Marriage shows total commitment."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Catholic teachings
- refer to non-religious points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)

**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 51 MARKS**



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