

Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations
General Certificate of Secondary Education

RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS)
PAPER 4B – Christianity (Roman Catholic).

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Specimen Paper 2003

Additional materials: Answer paper
Candidates answer on separate answer paper provided.

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Answer Question 1 and **two** other questions.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, on the answer paper provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 64.
- You will be awarded up to 4 marks in Question 1 for the quality of written communication.

Answer Question 1 and **two** other questions.

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- (a) Describe a Roman Catholic marriage service. [8]
- (b) Explain the importance of the vows made at this service. [7]
- (c) 'It is the duty of parents to pass on their religious beliefs to their children.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

- 2** (a) Describe how Catholics prepare for Easter. [8]
- (b) Explain how going to Mass each Sunday might help Catholics in their daily lives. [7]
- (c) 'Christmas celebrations now start so early that Advent is no longer important.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

- 3** **(a)** Describe the teachings about the Virgin Mary found in the Hail Mary. [8]
- (b)** Explain how and why Mary is still important to Catholics today. [7]
- (c)** ‘Catholics say the creed, but it has no real effect on their lives.’
- Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. [5]
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- 4** **(a)** Describe Catholic teaching on forgiveness. [8]
- (b)** Explain how and why the sacrament of reconciliation might strengthen a Catholic’s faith. [7]
- (c)** ‘To be a good Catholic it may be necessary to break the law.’
- Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]
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- 5** **(a)** What is meant by Liberation Theology? [8]
- (b)** Explain how the growth in lay ministry has changed the lives of some Catholics. [7]
- (c)** ‘In a religion, all people should worship in the same way.’
- Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

