GCSE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES A
Paper 1: Christianity

Specimen  Morning  Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials
Before you open this booklet, you must ensure you have the question paper/answer booklet for the other religion option you are entered for (Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism or Sikhism).

Instructions
• Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
• Fill in the boxes at both the top of this page and the top of the question paper/answer booklet for the other religion option.
• Answer all questions.
• Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
• You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.

Information
• The maximum mark for this option is 51.
• The marks for the questions are shown in brackets.
• Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) will be assessed in the 12-mark question in the Beliefs section.

Advice
You will have 1 hour 45 minutes to complete both question paper/answer booklets. You are advised to spend 50 minutes on this paper and 50 minutes on your other religion option.
BELIEFS

Which one of the following is the book in the Bible in which the story of Creation can be found? [1 mark]

Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

A. Exodus.
B. Genesis.
C. Proverbs.
D. Revelation.

Give two qualities which Christians believe describe the nature of God. [2 marks]

1. 
2. 
01.3 Explain two ways in which belief in the resurrection of Jesus influences Christians today.

[4 marks]

01.4 Explain two Christian teachings about judgement.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of Christian belief and teaching in your answer.

[5 marks]
'If God were loving, there would be no suffering in the world.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you should:
• refer to Christian teaching
• give reasoned arguments to support this statement
• give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
• reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]
[+ 3 SPaG marks]
Which one of the following is the sacrament that commemorates Jesus' last supper?

Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

- A  Marriage.
- B  Baptism.
- C  Eucharist.
- D  Sunday.

Give two examples of the work of the Church in the local community.
02.3 Explain two contrasting ways in which the Eucharist (Holy Communion) is celebrated in Christianity.

[4 marks]

02.4 Explain two ways in which Christian street pastors carry out their Christian duty.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of Christian belief and teaching in your answer.

[5 marks]
‘The best way for Christians to reach an understanding of God is by practising prayer.’

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you should:
- refer to Christian teaching
- give reasoned arguments to support this statement
- give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]