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Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)			
Time 1 hour 45 minutes		Paper reference 1RA0/1A	
Religious Studies A PAPER 1: Area of Study 1 – Study of Religion Option 1A – 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 102.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care on these questions 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: Beliefs and Teachings

- 1 (a) Outline **three** beliefs about the Holy Spirit.

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- (b) Explain **two** reasons why the ascension of Jesus is important to Catholics.

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(c) Explain **two** ways the Bible shows God as a Trinity of Persons.

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 the pure will go directly to heaven."**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Catholic teachings
- refer to different Christian points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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(Total for Question 1 = 27 marks)



Question 2: Practices

2 (a) Outline **three** symbolic features of baptism.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why Catholics pray.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why pilgrimage is important for many Catholics.
In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) "Funerals can give comfort to the dying and those who mourn."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Catholic teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)



Question 3: Sources of Wisdom and Authority

3 (a) Outline **three** ways Mary is a model of discipleship.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons Catholics believe the Church is one.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why the magisterium is important to Catholics.
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) "The Bible is the best source of authority for Christians."**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Catholic teachings
- refer to different Christian points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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Question 4: Forms of Expression and Ways of Life

4 (a) Outline **three** sacred vessels.

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(b) Explain **two** ways symbols are used by Catholics.

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(c) Explain **two** ways the internal features of a Catholic church aid worship.

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

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(d) "Drama helps Catholics to express belief."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Catholic teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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