



General Certificate of Secondary Education
2015

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Religious Studies

Paper 2

(A) The Christian Church with a Focus on
the Catholic Church



GRS21

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MONDAY 11 MAY, MORNING

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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Question Number	Marks
Section A	
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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

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1 The Early Church

(a) (i) On what day did the Holy Spirit come to the Apostles?

_____ [1]

(ii) Name **two** spiritual gifts mentioned by Paul in his letter to the Corinthians.

1. _____ [1]

2. _____ [1]

(iii) Name **two** activities of the early Church.

1. _____ [1]

2. _____ [1]

(b) In his teachings Paul said the Church was like the human body. What did he mean by this?

_____ [5]

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 Role of Mary and the Saints

(a) Describe the reasons why Catholics honour Saints. [5]

(b) What can Catholics today learn from the example of Mary? [5]

(c) "Religious objects are an important aid to worship."
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

6 Baptism

(a) Describe the ceremony of baptism in a Catholic Church. [5]

(b) Choose **three** symbols used in baptism and explain why they are important. [5]

(c) "Baptism has become a social rather than a religious event."
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

7 Festivals

(a) Describe how Easter is celebrated in the Catholic Church. [5]

(b) Explain why Advent is important for Christians. [5]

(c) "Churches could do more to highlight the religious significance of Christmas."
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

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