GCSE EXAMINER'S REPORT

GCSE (LEGACY)

RELIGIOUS STUDIES SPECIFICATION A:
Roman Catholicism 1

SUMMER 2018
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Roman Catholicism 1

Generally the paper was accessible to most candidates with a minimal amount of candidates not attempting any questions.

Question 1

(a) Well answered with many candidates achieving full marks. Some described teaching on forgiveness but often linked it to love.

(b) Usual level 2/3 responses with many candidates using CAFOD as an example.

(c) Many candidates explained 'how' without making references to 'why'. Some candidates achieved full marks and fully understood the question.

(d) Generally well answered.

(e) As always this question was well answered and candidates generally found it straightforward to evaluate the statement.

Question 2

QWC - Centres have obviously focused on preparing the candidates for this question and they make very few errors.

(a) Generally well answered with many candidates using the marriage vows to help answer the question.

(b) On the whole, not well answered by many. Reference to marrying after your spouse has died and misunderstanding surrounding divorce and annulment were plentiful.

(c) Generally well answered.

(d) Not well answered with many candidates scoring on or level one marks.

(e) Mixed responses to this evaluation. A minority of candidates performed well but many only peaked at level 2.
Question 3
(a) Not well answered by the majority. Most candidates picked up marks but a minority achieved level 4.
(b) Generally well answered with many candidates having stock answers for this question.
(c) A minority of candidates achieved full marks for this question.
(d) Generally well answered. Most candidates disagree with the statement.
(e) Generally well answered.

Question 4
(a) Although the majority of candidates knew what purgatory was very few achieved full marks.
(b) Well answered.
(c) Well answered.
(d) A mixed response to this 'd' question. The majority of candidates did not have a basic understanding of Catholic beliefs about Hell.
(e) Even at this late stage of the exam this question was well answered. Candidates readily used passages from the Bible as well as Church documents to support their answer or to make an argument clearer.