

GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 2A: Thematic studies

Monday 20 May 2019

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The examining body for this paper is AQA. The **paper reference** is 8062/2A.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- Choose **four** themes.
- Answer **all** questions on the four themes you have chosen.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 96 plus 3 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar (**SPaG**) will be assessed in the 12-mark question. The marks for **SPaG** are shown below the mark allocation for each question. The best of these marks will be included in your total for the paper.

Advice

You are advised to spend 25 minutes on each theme.

You should answer **all** questions from **four** themes.

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Theme A: Relationships and families

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Many religious people live in nuclear families.

Which **one** of the following best describes a nuclear family?

[1 mark]

- A A couple living in their parents' home
- B A couple without children
- C A couple with children
- D A couple living with children and grandparents

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Give **two** religious teachings about gender discrimination.

[2 marks]

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Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about unmarried couples living together (cohabitation).

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

[4 marks]

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Explain **two** religious beliefs about the purpose of families.

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

[5 marks]

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'It is wrong to disapprove of homosexual relationships.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should refer to religious arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]
[SPaG 3 marks]

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Theme B: Religion and life

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Which **one** of the following terms describes a religious duty to look after the world?
[1 mark]

- A Stewardship
- B Awe and wonder
- C Evolution
- D Deforestation

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Give **two** ways religious believers might help to reduce pollution.
[2 marks]

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Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about animal experimentation.
In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.
[4 marks]

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Explain **two** religious beliefs about how human life began on earth.
Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer.
[5 marks]

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'Abortion should be allowed **only** when the mother's life is at risk.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should refer to religious arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]
[SPaG 3 marks]

Turn over for Theme C

Turn over ►

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Theme C: The existence of God and revelation

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Which **one** of the following is the meaning of 'omnipotent' when describing God?**[1 mark]**

- A** All-powerful
- B** Eternal
- C** All-loving
- D** Immanent

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Give **two** reasons why some religious believers think of God as personal.**[2 marks]**

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Explain **two** similar beliefs about religious visions.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

[4 marks]

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Explain **two** religious beliefs about general revelation as a way of understanding the divine.

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

[5 marks]

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'Miracles prove that God exists.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should refer to religious arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]
[SPaG 3 marks]

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Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict

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Which **one** of the following gives the meaning of pacifism?**[1 mark]**

- A** To take revenge
- B** To gain power
- C** To convert people to religion
- D** To be against violence

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Give **two** ways that religious believers can work for peace.**[2 marks]**

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Explain **two** similar religious beliefs about reconciliation.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

[4 marks]

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Explain **two** reasons why religious people help victims of war.

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

[5 marks]

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'Religious believers should never fight in a war.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should refer to religious arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]
[SPaG 3 marks]**Turn over for Theme E****Turn over ►**

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Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment

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Many religious believers do not support causing physical pain to those who break the law.

Which **one** of the following means to punish criminals by inflicting physical pain on them?

[1 mark]

- A** Prison sentence
- B** Reformation
- C** Corporal punishment
- D** Community service

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Give **two** of the aims of punishment.

[2 marks]

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Explain **two** contrasting religious views about how people who commit a crime because of an addiction should be treated.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

[4 marks]

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Explain **two** religious reasons why some people are against the death penalty.

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

[5 marks]

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'There is nothing wrong with sending a criminal to prison.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should refer to religious arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]
[SPaG 3 marks]

0 6**Theme F: Religion, human rights and social justice****0 6 . 1**

Many religious believers support human rights.

Which **one** of the following is **not** a way of supporting human rights?

[1 mark]

- A** Campaigning for fair pay for men and women
- B** Opposing racial prejudice
- C** Charging excessive interest on a loan
- D** Seeking social justice

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Give **two** reasons why freedom of religion is an important human right.

[2 marks]**0 6 . 3**

Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about being wealthy.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

[4 marks]**0 6 . 4**

Explain **two** religious beliefs that show why people-trafficking is wrong.

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

[5 marks]**0 6 . 5**

‘Positive discrimination should be used to help end racial discrimination.’

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should refer to religious arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]
[SPaG 3 marks]**END OF QUESTIONS**

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