



GCSE

RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 2B Thematic Studies (including textual studies)

8062/2B

Thursday 16 May 2024

Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

MATERIALS

For this paper you must have:

- **an AQA 16-page answer book.**

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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 8062/2B.**
- **Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.**
- **Choose TWO themes from Section A and BOTH themes from Section B.**
- **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.

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SECTION A

You should answer ALL questions from TWO themes in Section A.

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THEME A: Relationships and families

0 1 . 1

The family unit is important to many religious people.

Which ONE of the following describes an extended family? [1 mark]

- A A couple living without children**
- B A person living with their pets**
- C Children living with parents**
- D Parents living with children and grandparents**

0 1 . 2

Give TWO religious beliefs about human sexuality. [2 marks]

0 1 . 3

Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about polygamy.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 marks]

[Turn over]

01.4

Explain TWO religious beliefs about gender discrimination.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]

01.5

‘Marriage is NOT important in today’s world.’

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]

[Plus SPaG 3 marks]

[Turn over]

0 2**THEME B: Religion and life****0 2 . 1**

Which ONE of the following is a term used to express the belief that human life is sacred and special? [1 mark]

- A Meaning of life**
- B Purpose of life**
- C Quality of life**
- D Sanctity of life**

0 2 . 2

Give TWO reasons why some religious believers support animal experimentation. [2 marks]

0 2 . 3

Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about the origins of human life.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 marks]

0 2 . 4

Explain TWO reasons why religious believers should help to reduce pollution.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]

[Turn over]

0 2 . 5

‘Religious believers should be against abortion.’

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]

[Plus SPaG 3 marks]

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THEME C: The existence of God and revelation

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Which ONE of the following is NOT an example of General Revelation? [1 mark]

- A Being told about God by other people**
- B Feeling a sense of awe when seeing a beautiful sunset**
- C Learning about a miraculous event**
- D Seeing a vision of God**

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Give TWO reasons why many religious believers think that God is impersonal. [2 marks]

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Explain TWO similar reasons why enlightenment is important for religious believers.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 marks]

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Explain TWO religious beliefs about scripture (holy books) as a source of revelation about the divine (God).

Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]

[Turn over]

03.5

‘The Design argument does NOT 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]

[Plus SPaG 3 marks]

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04**THEME D: Religion, peace and conflict****04.1**

Which ONE of the following terms may be used to describe the belief that all violence is wrong? [1 mark]

- A Deterrence**
- B Justice**
- C Pacifism**
- D Terrorism**

04.2

Give TWO ways in which religious believers might act as peacemakers. [2 marks]

04.3

Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about countries having a nuclear deterrent.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 marks]

04.4

Explain TWO religious beliefs that encourage people to 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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‘Self-defence is the only good reason for going to 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]

[Plus SPaG 3 marks]

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0 5**THEME E: Religion, crime and punishment****0 5 . 1**

Which ONE of the following is a term given to a crime that involves violent actions against someone because of their race or religion? [1 mark]

- A Drug crime**
- B Financial crime**
- C Hate crime**
- D Property crime**

0 5 . 2

Give TWO reasons why religious people might oppose an unjust law. [2 marks]

0 5 . 3

Explain TWO contrasting religious views about sending criminals to prison.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 marks]

0 5 . 4

Explain TWO religious views about theft (stealing).

Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]

[Turn over]

05.5

‘Religious believers should never support the use of the death penalty.’

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.**

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THEME F: Religion, human rights and social justice

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**Which ONE of the following best describes the meaning of prejudice?
[1 mark]**

- A An action that treats someone unfairly**
- B Judging someone without knowing them**
- C Telling lies about someone**
- D Using violence against someone**

0 6 . 2

Give TWO ways in which religious believers work for social justice.

[2 marks]

0 6 . 3

Explain TWO similar religious beliefs about racial prejudice.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 marks]

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Explain TWO religious beliefs about attitudes to wealth.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]

06.5

‘The right to follow a religion is the most important human right.’

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]

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SECTION B

You should answer ALL questions from BOTH themes in Section B.

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THEME G: St Mark's Gospel – the life of Jesus

07.1

In which ONE of the following places was Jesus arrested? [1 mark]

- A Gethsemane**
- B High Priest's courtyard**
- C Pilate's house**
- D The Temple**

07.2

Give TWO things that happened at the Transfiguration of Jesus. [2 marks]

07.3

Explain TWO contrasting Christian beliefs about the baptism of Jesus. [4 marks]

07.4

Explain TWO Christian beliefs about the Crucifixion of Jesus.

You must refer to St Mark's Gospel in your answer. [5 marks]

[Turn over]

07.5

‘St Mark’s Gospel uses titles for Jesus (such as Son of God), from which Christians can learn all they need to know about Jesus.’

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 St Mark’s Gospel**
- may refer to non-religious arguments**
- should reach a justified conclusion.**

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THEME H: St Mark's Gospel as a source of religious, moral and spiritual truths

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Which ONE of the following did the disciples try to heal? [1 mark]

- A The epileptic (demon-possessed) boy**
- B The Greek (Syro-Phoenician) woman's daughter**
- C The man with leprosy**
- D The woman with a haemorrhage**

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Give TWO things that Jesus said would be the rewards of discipleship. [2 marks]

0 8 . 3

Explain TWO contrasting beliefs about the Parable of the Sower. [4 marks]

0 8 . 4

Explain TWO Christian beliefs about the anointing at Bethany.

You must refer to St Mark's Gospel in your answer. [5 marks]

[Turn over]

08.5

‘For Christians, the Kingdom of God is here now.’

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 St Mark’s Gospel**
- **may refer to non-religious arguments**
- **should reach a justified conclusion.**

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