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**GCSE**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES A**

**Paper 2A: Thematic Studies**

**8062/2A**

**Tuesday 23 May 2023**

**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 8062/2A.**
- **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.**

**DO NOT TURN OVER UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO**

**You should answer ALL questions from FOUR themes.**

**THEME A: Relationships and families**

**0 1 . 1**

**Which ONE of the following means an unmarried couple living together?**

**[1 mark]**

- A Procreation**
- B Cohabitation**
- C Divorce**
- D Polygamy**

**0 1 . 2**

**Give TWO reasons why many religious believers accept remarriage. [2 marks]**

**0 1 . 3**

**Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about gender equality.**

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

**0 1 . 4**

**Explain TWO religious beliefs about the role of children within the family.**

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

**[Turn over]**

**0 1 . 5**

**‘Married couples should not use contraception.’**

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

**Which ONE of the following terms may be used when describing the general well-being of a person? [1 mark]**

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

**0 2 . 2**

**Give TWO reasons why some religious people are against experimenting on animals. [2 marks]**

**0 2 . 3**

**Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about an afterlife.**

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

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**Explain TWO reasons why many religious people believe they have a duty to look after the world.**

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

**[Turn over]**

**0 2 . 5**

**‘Euthanasia is never the best option.’**

**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**
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- **should reach a justified conclusion.**

**[12 marks]**

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**THEME C: The existence of God and revelation****03.1****Which ONE of the following is a form of special revelation? [1 mark]**

- A Being brought up to believe in God**
- B Learning of God through what humans do**
- C Meeting God directly**
- D Seeing God through nature**

**03.2****Give TWO reasons why some people do NOT believe that revelations about God are real. [2 marks]**

**0 3 . 3**

**Explain TWO contrasting beliefs about miracles.**

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

**0 3 . 4**

**Explain TWO religious beliefs about the omnipotence of God.**

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

**[Turn over]**

**03.5**

**‘The only way to know God is by being enlightened.’**

**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 D: Religion, peace and conflict**

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**Which ONE of the following best expresses the idea of accepting someone's apology for what they have done wrong? [1 mark]**

- A Forgiveness**
- B Justice**
- C Protest**
- D Punishment**

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**Give TWO reasons why a conflict may be said to be a 'holy war'. [2 marks]**

**04.3**

**Explain TWO similar religious beliefs about a country using weapons of mass destruction.**

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

**04.4**

**Explain TWO reasons why some religious believers choose to work for an organisation that helps victims of war.**

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

**[Turn over]**

**04.5**

**‘All religious believers should be pacifists and never fight.’**

**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**
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- **should reach a justified conclusion.**

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## **THEME E: Religion, crime and punishment**

**05.1**

**Which ONE of the following aims of punishment can be described as taking revenge? [1 mark]**

- A Deterrence**
- B Protection**
- C Reformation**
- D Retribution**

**05.2**

**Give TWO different types of crime. [2 marks]**

**0 5 . 3**

**Explain TWO contrasting religious views about the treatment of people who have committed evil actions.**

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

**0 5 . 4**

**Explain TWO reasons why some religious believers might break the law.**

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

**[Turn over]**

**05.5**

**‘Community service does NOT punish the criminal enough.’**

**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**
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- **may refer to non-religious arguments**
- **should reach a justified conclusion.**

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## **THEME F: Religion, human rights and social justice**

**06.1**

**Which ONE of the following means treating people fairly? [1 mark]**

- A Exploitation**
- B Hatred**
- C Inequality**
- D Justice**

**06.2**

**Give TWO causes of poverty. [2 marks]**

**0 6 . 3**

**Explain TWO similar religious beliefs about freedom of religion.**

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

**0 6 . 4**

**Explain TWO reasons why religious believers should challenge racial prejudice.**

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

**[Turn over]**

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**‘People living in poverty must help themselves to overcome any difficulties they face.’**

**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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