



**GCSE**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES A**

**Paper 2A Thematic Studies**

**8062/2A**

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

**01.1**

**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**

**01.2**

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

**01.3**

**Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about polygamy.**

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

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**Explain TWO religious beliefs about gender discrimination.**

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

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**‘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]**

**THEME B: Religion and life****02.1**

**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**

**02.2**

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

**02.3**

**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]**

**02.4**

**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]**

**02.5**

**‘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]**

**[Turn over]**

**THEME C: The existence of God and revelation****03.1**

**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**

**03.2**

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

**03.3**

**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]**

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**‘The Design argument does NOT prove that God exists.’**

**Evaluate this statement.**

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

**[12 marks]**

**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

**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]**

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**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]**

**[Turn over]**

**THEME E: Religion, crime and punishment****05.1**

**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**

**05.2**

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

**05.3**

**Explain TWO contrasting religious views about sending criminals to prison.**

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

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**Explain TWO religious views about theft (stealing).**

**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 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.**

**[12 marks]**

**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

**THEME F: Religion, human rights and social justice****06.1**

**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**

**06.2**

**Give TWO ways in which religious believers work for social justice. [2 marks]**

**06.3**

**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]**

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**‘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]**

**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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