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(Short Course)

Unit 2 Religion and Life Issues

Wednesday 13 May 2015 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 40552.
- Answer **four** questions. Each question has **five** parts.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 76.
- Four of these marks are for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**). This will be assessed in parts 05, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30. The mark is shown below the mark allocation for each question.
- You will be awarded a mark for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**) for each of the four questions that you attempt. The best of these marks will be included in your total for the paper.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **four** questions.

There are 18 marks for each question.

Each question has **five** parts. Answer **all five parts** of each question chosen.

There are four additional marks on the paper for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG).

Question 1 Religion and Animal Rights

Look at the photograph. It shows a basket of eggs.



- 0 1** What is factory farming? [1 mark]
- 0 2** Describe what some religious believers might do to promote animal rights. [4 marks]
- 0 3** 'Religious believers have a duty to prevent endangered species from becoming extinct.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 0 4** Explain religious views about genetically modifying animals. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. [4 marks]
- 0 5** 'Religious believers should not eat meat.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. [6 marks]

[SPaG: 4 marks]

Question 2 Religion and Planet Earth

Look at the photograph. It shows zebras in the Serengeti National Park, Tanzania.



- 0 6** What is conservation? [1 mark]
- 0 7** Describe what religious believers might do to help look after the world's natural resources. [4 marks]
- 0 8** 'The natural world inspires feelings of awe and wonder.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 0 9** Explain why many religious believers are concerned about pollution. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. [4 marks]
- 1 0** 'Religious believers must help to stop climate change.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. [6 marks]
- [SPaG: 4 marks]**

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Question 3 Religion and Prejudice

Look at the photograph. It shows a sign against discrimination.



- 1 | 1** What is scapegoating? **[1 mark]**
- 1 | 2** 'Religious believers should be opposed to all discrimination.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 1 | 3** Explain how religious believers may try to develop harmony in society. **[4 marks]**
- 1 | 4** Explain religious attitudes to ageism. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. **[4 marks]**
- 1 | 5** 'Religious prejudice is the worst type of prejudice.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. **[6 marks]**

[SPaG: 4 marks]

Question 4 Religion and Early Life

Look at the photograph. It shows parents with their child.



- 1 6** What is meant by the sanctity of life? [1 mark]
- 1 7** Explain different choices to having an abortion. [4 marks]
- 1 8** 'Religious believers should join Pro-Life pressure groups.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 1 9** Explain why some religious believers think it is necessary to have abortion laws.
You may refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. [4 marks]
- 2 0** 'It is wrong to teach that life begins at conception.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. [6 marks]
- [SPaG: 4 marks]**

Turn over for the next question

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Question 5 Religion, War and Peace

Look at the photograph. It shows an atomic explosion.



- 2 | 1** What is a weapon of mass destruction? [1 mark]
- 2 | 2** 'Religious teachings cannot support terrorism.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 2 | 3** Explain why some religious believers will fight in a war. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. [4 marks]
- 2 | 4** Describe the work of **one** religious believer who has worked for peace. [4 marks]
- 2 | 5** 'War is never the best way to solve problems between countries.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. [6 marks]
- [SPaG: 4 marks]**

Question 6 Religion and Young People

Look at the photograph.



- 2 6** What is meant by the generation gap? [1 mark]
- 2 7** Explain why many religions have a membership ceremony **or** a coming of age ceremony. [4 marks]
- 2 8** 'All young people should learn about religion at school.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 2 9** Explain some of the problems for young people who **choose** to follow a religion. You may use examples in your answer. [4 marks]
- 3 0** 'Religion has nothing to offer young people today.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. [6 marks]
- [SPaG: 4 marks]**

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