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(Short Course)

Unit 3 Religion and Morality

Monday 18 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 40553.
- 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.

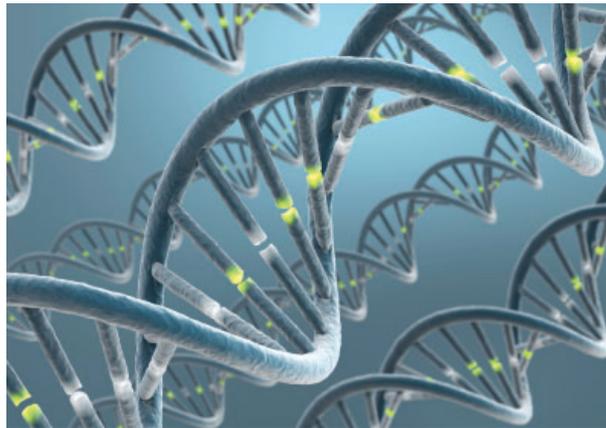
There are 18 marks for each question.

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 Religious Attitudes to Matters of Life (Medical Ethics)

Look at the photograph. It shows some strands of DNA.



- 0 | 1** Give **two** reasons why some religious believers agree with human genetic engineering. **[2 marks]**
- 0 | 2** Explain the difference between embryology and cloning. **[3 marks]**
- 0 | 3** 'It is wrong for religious believers to have a baby to be a saviour sibling.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 0 | 4** Explain religious attitudes to artificial insemination by donor (AID). Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. **[4 marks]**
- 0 | 5** 'A child produced using artificial methods of reproduction is a gift from God.'
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 Religious Attitudes to the Elderly and Death

Read the newspaper headline.

‘Religious groups discuss whether euthanasia should be allowed.’

- 0 | 6** Explain the difference between active euthanasia and passive euthanasia. **[3 marks]**
- 0 | 7** ‘Religious teachings cannot support a right to die when you choose.’
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 0 | 8** Explain briefly what is meant by ageism. **[2 marks]**
- 0 | 9** Explain why religious believers think that the elderly are important. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. **[4 marks]**
- 1 | 0** ‘Religious beliefs and practices cannot comfort those who are mourning.’
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 Religious Attitudes to Drug Abuse

Look at the photograph. It shows warning signs of some legal and illegal drugs.



- 1 | 1** Give **two** ways that people who use illegal drugs might harm the lives of others. **[2 marks]**
- 1 | 2** 'Religious believers should keep a clear mind at all times.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 1 | 3** Explain why drinking caffeine is legal but using cannabis is illegal. **[3 marks]**
- 1 | 4** Explain why some religious believers think that drug addicts should be helped rather than punished. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. **[4 marks]**
- 1 | 5** 'People should only use drugs for medical purposes.'
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 4 Religious Attitudes to Crime and Punishment

Look at the photograph. It shows a car which has been stolen and burnt out.



- 1 6** Explain the difference between a crime against property and a crime against the state. **[3 marks]**
- 1 7** Explain briefly the meaning of the term 'conscience'. **[2 marks]**
- 1 8** 'Religious offences are always wrong.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 1 9** Explain religious beliefs and teachings about retribution. **[4 marks]**
- 2 0** 'Religious believers should never break the law.'
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 5 Religious Attitudes to Rich and Poor in British Society

Look at the photograph.



- 2 | 1** Describe what can be done to help a person who is poor. **[3 marks]**
- 2 | 2** 'Religious beliefs and teachings do nothing to help the poor.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 2 | 3** Explain briefly what is meant by apathy. **[2 marks]**
- 2 | 4** Explain religious views about the wrong use of money. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. **[4 marks]**
- 2 | 5** 'Nobody should be paid an excessive salary.'
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 Religious Attitudes to World Poverty

Look at the photograph. It shows a selection of fair trade products.



- 2 6** 'Religious believers should buy fair trade products.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 2 7** Give **two** ways in which war may cause poverty. [2 marks]
- 2 8** Explain the difference between sustainable development and emergency aid. [3 marks]
- 2 9** Describe the work of religious organisations that help the poor in developing countries. [4 marks]
- 3 0** 'Religious believers must help the poor in developing 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]

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