

# GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 2B

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Additional specimen

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

## Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA answer booklet.

## Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer booklet. The examining body for this paper is AQA. The paper reference is 8062/2B.
- Do all rough work in the answer booklet. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.
- Choose **two** themes from Section A
- Answer **all** the themes from Section B.
- Answer **all** questions on those 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 50 minutes on Section A and 50 minutes on Section B.

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**Section A**

You should answer questions from **two** themes.

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**0 1**      **Theme A: relationships and families**

**0 1** . **1** Which **one** of the following describes the practice of having more than one wife?  
[1 mark]

- A Sanctity.
- B Stability.
- C Monogamy.
- D Polygamy.

**0 1** . **2** Give **two** religious beliefs about the use of contraception.  
[2 marks]

**0 1** . **3** Explain **two** contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about the use of artificial contraception within marriage.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

[4 marks]

**0 1** . **4** Explain **two** religious beliefs about sexual relationships outside of marriage (adultery) (adultery)

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

[5 marks]

**0 1** . **5** 'Men and women should not have equal rights.'

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]  
[+ 3 SPaG marks]

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**0 2** Theme B: religion and life

**0 2** . **1** Which **one** of the following means being gently and painlessly put to death? [1 mark]

- A Stewardship.
- B Euthanasia.
- C Evolution.
- D Dominion.

**0 2** . **2** Give **two** religious beliefs about pollution. [2 marks]

**0 2** . **3** Explain **two** similar religious beliefs about the use of animals for food.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

[4 marks]

**0 2** . **4** Explain **two** religious beliefs about the afterlife.

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

[5 marks]

**0 2** . **5** 'Evolution proves that religious beliefs about the origins of life are wrong.'

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]  
[+ 3 SPaG marks]

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**0 3** Theme C: the existence of God and revelation

**0 3** . **1** Which **one** of the following is an argument against the existence of God? **[1 mark]**

- A Design.
- B Suffering.
- C Revelation.
- D Miracles.

**0 3** . **2** Give **two** weaknesses of the First Cause argument for God's existence. **[2 marks]**

**0 3** . **3** Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about scripture as a way of understanding the divine.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

**[4 marks]**

**0 3** . **4** Explain **two** religious beliefs about the nature of the divine.

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

**[5 marks]**

**0 3** . **5** 'Those who claim to have special revelations are mistaken.'

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]**  
**[+ 3 SPaG marks]**

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**0 4** Theme D: religion, peace and conflict**0 4** . **1** Which **one** of the following is **not** a reason for war?

[1 mark]

- A Self-defence.
- B Greed.
- C Retaliation.
- D Forgiveness.

**0 4** . **2** Give **two** religious beliefs that show that violence is wrong.

[2 marks]

**0 4** . **3** Explain **two** similar religious beliefs about pacifism.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

[4 marks]

**0 4** . **4** Explain **two** religious beliefs about justice.

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

[5 marks]

**0 4** . **5** 'There are no good reasons for countries to possess nuclear weapons.'

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]  
[+ 3 SPaG marks]

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**0 5** Theme E: religion, crime and punishment**0 5** . **1** Which **one** of the following is **not** a reason for crime?**[1 mark]**

- A Poverty.
- B Sanctity of life.
- C Mental illness.
- D Greed.

**0 5** . **2** Give **two** religious beliefs about forgiveness.**[2 marks]****0 5** . **3** Explain **two** similar religious beliefs about people who break the law.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

**[4 marks]****0 5** . **4** Explain **two** religious beliefs about the death penalty.

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

**[5 marks]****0 5** . **5** 'Reformation is the best aim of punishment.'

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]**  
**[+ 3 SPaG marks]**

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**0 6** Theme F: religion, human rights and social justice**0 6** . **1** Which **one** of the following is **not** a type of prejudice?**[1 mark]**

- A Racism.
- B Sexism.
- C Alcoholism.
- D Ageism.

**0 6** . **2** Give **two** religious beliefs about how women should be treated within religion.**[2 marks]****0 6** . **3** Explain **two** similar religious beliefs about the freedom of religion and belief.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

**[4 marks]****0 6** . **4** Explain **two** religious beliefs about the right use of wealth.

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

**[5 marks]****0 6** . **5** 'Those who live in poverty should help themselves to overcome their difficulties.'

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]**  
**[+ 3 SPaG marks]****END OF SECTION A**

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**Section B**

You should answer **all** questions from **both** themes.

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**0 7**      **Theme G: St Mark's Gospel – the life of Jesus according to St Mark**

**0 7** . **1** Which **one** of the following did Jesus predict would happen to him? **[1 mark]**

- A** A man would help him to carry his cross.
- B** He would be handed over to the chief priests and scribes.
- C** A woman would wash his feet with her tears.
- D** He would die of thirst tied to a cross.

**0 7** . **2** Give **two** statements that Jesus made in his reply to James and John when they asked for places at his right hand and his left hand. **[2 marks]**

**0 7** . **3** Explain **two** contrasting views about the importance of Jesus as Son of David. **[4 marks]**

**0 7** . **4** Explain **two** ways in which Jesus' words and actions at the Last Supper are important for Christians.  
You must refer to St Mark's Gospel in your answer. **[5 marks]**

**0 7** . **5** 'The feeding of the 5000 shows that Jesus was the Son of God'.

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 in your answer
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

**[12 marks]**  
**[+ 3 SPaG marks]**

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**0 8** Theme H: St Mark's Gospel as a source of spiritual truth

**0 8** . **1** Which **one** of the following is **not** what Christians believe about the Kingdom of God?  
[1 mark]

- A The Kingdom of God can be experienced only after death.
- B The Kingdom of God is in the hearts of all believers.
- C The Kingdom of God will come in power at the end of time.
- D The Kingdom of God came in the person of Jesus.

**0 8** . **2** Give **two** things that Jesus told the rich man to do to gain eternal life.  
[2 marks]

**0 8** . **3** Explain **two** contrasting views about the importance of faith as seen in Mark's Gospel.  
[4 marks]

**0 8** . **4** Explain **two** of the instructions or promises that Jesus gave to the Eleven in the Commission before he ascended to heaven.  
You must refer to St Mark's Gospel in your answer.  
[5 marks]

**0 8** . **5** 'Jesus paid too much attention to the sick, sinners and others who were disregarded by society.'

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 in your answer
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- should reach a justified conclusion.

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