

## GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 2A: Thematic studies

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Monday 20 May 2019

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

### 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.

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

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**Theme A: Relationships and families**

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Many religious people live in nuclear families.

Which **one** of the following best describes a nuclear family?

[1 mark]

- A A couple living in their parents' home
- B A couple without children
- C A couple with children
- D A couple living with children and grandparents

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Give **two** religious teachings about gender discrimination.

[2 marks]

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Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about unmarried couples living together (cohabitation).

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

[4 marks]

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Explain **two** religious beliefs about the purpose of families.

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

[5 marks]

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'It is wrong to disapprove of homosexual relationships.'

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]  
[SPaG 3 marks]

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**Theme B: Religion and life**

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Which **one** of the following terms describes a religious duty to look after the world?  
[1 mark]

- A Stewardship
- B Awe and wonder
- C Evolution
- D Deforestation

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Give **two** ways religious believers might help to reduce pollution.  
[2 marks]

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Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about animal experimentation.  
In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.  
[4 marks]

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Explain **two** religious beliefs about how human life began on earth.  
Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer.  
[5 marks]

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'Abortion should be allowed **only** when the mother's life is at risk.'

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]  
[SPaG 3 marks]

**Turn over for Theme C**

**Turn over ►**

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**Theme C: The existence of God and revelation**

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Which **one** of the following is the meaning of 'omnipotent' when describing God?**[1 mark]**

- A** All-powerful
- B** Eternal
- C** All-loving
- D** Immanent

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Give **two** reasons why some religious believers think of God as personal.**[2 marks]**

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Explain **two** similar beliefs about religious visions.

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

**[4 marks]**

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Explain **two** religious beliefs about general revelation as a way of understanding the divine.

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

**[5 marks]**

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'Miracles prove that God exists.'

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

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**Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict**

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Which **one** of the following gives the meaning of pacifism?**[1 mark]**

- A** To take revenge
- B** To gain power
- C** To convert people to religion
- D** To be against violence

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Give **two** ways that religious believers can work for peace.**[2 marks]**

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Explain **two** similar religious beliefs about reconciliation.

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

**[4 marks]**

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Explain **two** reasons why religious people 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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'Religious believers should never fight in a 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]**  
**[SPaG 3 marks]****Turn over for Theme E****Turn over ►**

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**Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment**

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Many religious believers do not support causing physical pain to those who break the law.

Which **one** of the following means to punish criminals by inflicting physical pain on them?

**[1 mark]**

- A Prison sentence
- B Reformation
- C Corporal punishment
- D Community service

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Give **two** of the aims of punishment.

**[2 marks]**

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Explain **two** contrasting religious views about how people who commit a crime because of an addiction should be treated.

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

**[4 marks]**

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Explain **two** religious reasons why some people are against the death penalty.

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

**[5 marks]**

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'There is nothing wrong with sending a criminal to prison.'

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

**0 6****Theme F: Religion, human rights and social justice****0 6 . 1**

Many religious believers support human rights.

Which **one** of the following is **not** a way of supporting human rights?

**[1 mark]**

- A** Campaigning for fair pay for men and women
- B** Opposing racial prejudice
- C** Charging excessive interest on a loan
- D** Seeking social justice

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Give **two** reasons why freedom of religion is an important human right.

**[2 marks]****0 6 . 3**

Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about being wealthy.

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

**[4 marks]****0 6 . 4**

Explain **two** religious beliefs that show why people-trafficking is wrong.

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

**[5 marks]****0 6 . 5**

‘Positive discrimination should be used to help end racial discrimination.’

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]**  
**[SPaG 3 marks]****END OF QUESTIONS**

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