



**GCSE**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES A**

**Paper 2A Thematic studies**

**8062/2A**

**Monday 20 May 2019**

**Morning**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes**

**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.**

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You should answer ALL questions from FOUR themes.

**0 1**      **THEME A: Relationships and families**

**0 1 . 1** 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

**0 1 . 2** Give TWO religious teachings about gender discrimination. [2 marks]

**0 1 . 3** 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]

**0 1 . 4** 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]

**0 1 . 5** '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]

**TURN OVER FOR THEME B**

**0 2**    **THEME B: Religion and life**

**0 2 . 1** 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

**0 2 . 2** Give TWO ways religious believers might help to reduce pollution. [2 marks]

**0 2 . 3** Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about animal experimentation.

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

**0 2 . 4** 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]**

**0 2 . 5** ‘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**

**0 3**      **THEME C: The existence of God and  
revelation**

**0 3 . 1** 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

**0 3 . 2** Give TWO reasons why some religious believers think of God as personal. [2 marks]

**0 3 . 3** Explain TWO similar beliefs about religious visions.

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

**03.4** 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]

**03.5** '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]

**TURN OVER FOR THEME D**

**0 4**      **THEME D: Religion, peace and conflict**

**0 4 . 1** 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

**0 4 . 2** Give TWO ways that religious believers can work for peace. [2 marks]

**0 4 . 3** Explain TWO similar religious beliefs about reconciliation.

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

- 0 4 . 4** 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]

- 0 4 . 5** '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**

**0 5** **THEME E: Religion, crime and punishment**

**0 5** . **1** 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

**0 5** . **2** Give **TWO** of the aims of punishment.  
[2 marks]

**0 5** . **3** 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]

- 0 5 . 4** 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]

- 0 5 . 5** ‘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]

**TURN OVER FOR THEME F**

**06****THEME F: Religion, human rights and social justice****06****.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**

**06****.2****Give TWO reasons why freedom of religion is an important human right. [2 marks]****06****.3****Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about being wealthy.****In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 marks]**

- 06.4** 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]

- 06.5** ‘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]

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