



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]

[Turn over]

01.5

‘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]

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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]

[Turn over]

02.5

‘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]

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TURN OVER FOR THEME C

03**THEME C:****The existence of God and
revelation****03.1**

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

03.2

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

03.3

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]

[Turn over]

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]**

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TURN OVER FOR THEME D

04

THEME D:

Religion, peace and conflict

04.1

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

04.2

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]

[Turn over]

04.5

‘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]

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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]

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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]

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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**

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]

[Turn over]

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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