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**GCSE**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES A**

**Paper 2A: Thematic Studies**

**8062/2A**

**Tuesday 19 May 2020**

**Afternoon**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes**

**For this paper you must have:**

- **an AQA 16-page answer book.**

**[Turn over]**

## **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 questions. 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.**

**DO NOT TURN OVER UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO**

**You should answer ALL questions from FOUR themes.**

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

**0 1 . 1**

**Which ONE of the following means a man having more than one wife at the same time? [1 mark]**

- A Cohabitation**
- B Procreation**
- C Monogamy**
- D Polygamy**

**0 1 . 2**

**Give TWO religious teachings about divorce. [2 marks]**

**0 1 . 3**

**Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs in contemporary British society about sexual relationships before marriage.**

**In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions. [4 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

**01.4**

**Explain TWO religious views about same-sex parents.**

**Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]**

**01.5**

**‘Gender discrimination is always 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]**

**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

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

**0 2 . 1**

**Which ONE of the following describes the religious belief that humans have authority to rule over the world? [1 mark]**

- A Abuse**
- B Dominion**
- C Evolution**
- D Misuse**

**0 2 . 2**

**Give TWO reasons why many religious people use animals for food. [2 marks]**

**0 2 . 3**

**Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs in contemporary British society about euthanasia.**

**In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions. [4 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

**02.4**

**Explain TWO religious beliefs about the use of natural resources.**

**Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]**

**02.5**

**‘It is possible to believe in BOTH the Big Bang theory AND religious teachings about the origins of the universe.’**

**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**
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- should reach a justified conclusion.**

**[12 marks]**

**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

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

**Which ONE of the following means to  
have a close relationship with God?  
[1 mark]**

- A Eternal**
- B Impersonal**
- C Omnipotent**
- D Personal**

**0 3 . 2**

**Give TWO arguments which claim to prove the existence of God. [2 marks]**

**0 3 . 3**

**Explain TWO contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about religious visions.**

**In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and non-religious beliefs. [4 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

**03.4**

**Explain TWO religious views about the belief that God is omniscient.**

**Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]**

**03.5**

**‘It is impossible to prove 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]**

**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

**04****THEME D:****Religion, peace and conflict****04.1**

**Which ONE of the following describes what is right and fair, as required by the law? [1 mark]**

**A Forgiveness**

**B Greed**

**C Justice**

**D Selfishness**

**0 4 . 2**

**Give TWO reasons why most religious people are against terrorism. [2 marks]**

**0 4 . 3**

**Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs in contemporary British society about pacifism.**

**In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions. [4 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

**04.4**

**Explain TWO reasons why some religious people support the just war theory.**

**Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]**

**04.5**

**‘It is wrong for any country to have weapons of mass destruction.’**

**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]**

**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

**0 5****THEME E:****Religion, crime and punishment****0 5 . 1**

**Which ONE of the following do religious believers regard as an evil intention?**

**[1 mark]**

- A Showing forgiveness**
- B Going to prison**
- C Planning murder**
- D Opposing an unjust law**

**0 5 . 2**

**Give TWO reasons why some religious people may break the law. [2 marks]**

**0 5 . 3**

**Explain TWO contrasting religious views in contemporary British society about the use of corporal punishment.**

**In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions. [4 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

**05.4**

**Explain TWO religious beliefs about forgiveness.**

**Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]**

**05.5**

**‘Deterring people from committing crime 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]**

**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

**06****THEME F:****Religion, human rights and social justice****06.1**

**Which ONE of the following best describes social justice? [1 mark]**

- A Being prejudiced**
- B Protecting human rights**
- C People-trafficking**
- D Being wealthy**

**0 6 . 2**

**Give TWO examples of positive discrimination. [2 marks]**

**0 6 . 3**

**Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs in contemporary British society about the status of women in religion.**

**In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions. [4 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

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**Explain TWO religious reasons why people should give money to charity.**

**Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]**

**06.5**

**‘Religious teachings can help to stop discrimination against homosexuals.’**

**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]**

**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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