

GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 2A: Thematic Studies

Tuesday 19 May 2020

Afternoon

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.

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

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Theme A: Relationships and families

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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

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Give **two** religious teachings about divorce.

[2 marks]

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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]

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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]

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'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]

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Theme B: Religion and life

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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

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Give **two** reasons why many religious people use animals for food.

[2 marks]

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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]

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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]

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'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
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]****Turn over ►**

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Theme C: The existence of God and revelation

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

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

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

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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]

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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]

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'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]

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Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict

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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

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

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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]

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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]

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'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 ►

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Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment

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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

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

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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]

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Explain **two** religious beliefs about forgiveness.

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

[5 marks]

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'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]**

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Theme F: Religion, human rights and social justice

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

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

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

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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]

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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]

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'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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