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**GCSE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES A**

Paper 2A: Thematic Studies

8062/2A

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.

DO NOT TURN OVER UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO

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 the legal ending of a marriage? [1 mark]

- A Cohabitation**
- B Contraception**
- C Divorce**
- D Polygamy**

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Give **TWO** religious reasons given by believers to support the view that sex before marriage is wrong. [2 marks]

01.3

Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about the nature of marriage.

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

01.4

Explain TWO religious beliefs about the roles of men and women.

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

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01.5

‘The most important purpose of a family is to educate children in a faith.’

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]

02**THEME B: Religion and life****02.1**

**Which ONE of the following describes a feeling of amazement at the complexity and beauty of the world?
[1 mark]**

- A Awe and wonder**
- B Creation and evolution**
- C Dominion and stewardship**
- D Duty and responsibility**

02.2

Give TWO ways that religious believers can help to protect the world's natural resources. [2 marks]

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02.3

Explain TWO contrasting religious views about how the universe began.

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

02.4

Explain TWO religious beliefs about the use of animals for food.

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

02.5

‘Death is not the end; there is an afterlife.’

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]

03

THEME C: The existence of God and revelation

03.1

Which ONE of the following describes the realisation or understanding of a religious truth? [1 mark]

- A Enlightenment**
- B Immanence**
- C Miracle**
- D Omnipotence**

03.2

Give TWO reasons why many religious people believe that God is transcendent. [2 marks]

03.3

Explain TWO contrasting beliefs about evil and suffering as an argument against the existence of God.

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

03.4

Explain TWO beliefs about Special Revelation as a source of knowledge of the divine (God).

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

[Turn over]

03.5

‘The First Cause Argument is a weak argument for the existence of God.’

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]

04

THEME D: Religion, peace and conflict

04.1

Which ONE of the following describes why having nuclear weapons might prevent war? [1 mark]

- A Acts as a deterrent**
- B Brings forgiveness**
- C Causes terrorism**
- D Promotes justice**

04.2

Give TWO of the criteria for a Just War. [2 marks]

[Turn over]

04.3

Explain TWO similar religious beliefs about peace-making.

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

04.4

Explain TWO religious beliefs about violent protest.

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

04.5

‘Greed or just wanting a better life are never good reasons for going to 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]

[Plus SPaG 3 marks]

[Turn over]

05

THEME E: Religion, crime and punishment

05.1

Which ONE of the following suggests that an action is right if it intends to produce the greatest happiness for the greatest number of people? [1 mark]

- A Good intentions**
- B Principle of utility**
- C Retribution**
- D Sanctity of life**

05.2

Give TWO reasons why religious believers oppose hate crimes. [2 marks]

05.3

Explain TWO contrasting religious views about theft (stealing).

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

05.4

Explain TWO religious beliefs about reforming people who have broken the law.

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

[Turn over]

05.5

‘Religious believers should never agree with corporal 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 terms best describes the action of giving money to the poor? [1 mark]

- A Equality**
- B Charity**
- C Poverty**
- D Prejudice**

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Give TWO examples of human rights. [2 marks]

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06.3

Explain TWO similar religious teachings about the right use of wealth.

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

06.4

Explain TWO religious beliefs about discrimination.

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

06.5

‘Religious believers should do more to stop the exploitation of the poor.’

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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