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**GCSE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES A**

Paper 2B: Thematic Studies (including textual studies)

8062/2B

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 8062/2B.**
- **Do all rough work in the Answer Book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.**
- **Choose TWO themes from Section A and BOTH themes from Section B.**
- **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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SECTION A

You should answer **ALL** questions from **TWO** themes in Section A.

0 1

THEME A: Relationships and families

0 1 . 1

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]

[Turn over]

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]

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

0 2 . 2

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

[Turn over]

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]

[Turn over]

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.**

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[Plus SPaG 3 marks]

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SECTION B

You should answer **ALL** questions from **BOTH** themes in Section B.

07

THEME G: St Mark's Gospel – the life of Jesus

07.1

To which **ONE** of the following disciples did Jesus say, 'Get behind me Satan'? [1 mark]

- A Andrew**
- B James**
- C Judas**
- D Peter**

07.2

Give **TWO** things that Jesus said to the paralysed man brought to Jesus by his friends. [2 marks]

07.3

Explain TWO contrasting Christian beliefs about the trial of Jesus before Pilate. [4 marks]

07.4

Explain TWO Christian beliefs about the work of John the Baptist.

You must refer to St Mark's Gospel in your answer. [5 marks]

[Turn over]

07.5

‘The miracles of Jesus did not happen.’

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 St Mark’s Gospel in your answer**
- **may refer to non-religious arguments**
- **should reach a justified conclusion.**

[12 marks]

[Plus SPaG 3 marks]

08

THEME H: St Mark's Gospel as a source of religious, moral and spiritual truths

08.1

Which ONE of the following did Jesus praise for their gift in the Temple? [1 mark]

- A The epileptic (demon-possessed) boy**
- B The rich man**
- C The widow**
- D The woman with the haemorrhage**

08.2

Give TWO things that Jesus said to the disciples when they tried to stop the children coming to him. [2 marks]

[Turn over]

08.3

Explain TWO similar Christian beliefs about the meaning of the parable of the mustard seed. [4 marks]

08.4

Explain TWO Christian beliefs about Peter's denials.

**You must refer to St Mark's Gospel in your answer.
[5 marks]**

08.5

‘Jesus cared only about those disregarded by society.’

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 St Mark’s Gospel in your answer**
- **may refer to non-religious arguments**
- **should reach a justified conclusion.**

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