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# GCSE

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 2A Thematic Studies

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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.

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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 is the meaning of the term 'procreation'?

[1 mark]

- A Ending a marriage
- B Having children
- C Marrying more than one person
- D Treating people equally

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Give **two** teachings about the role of parents in a religious family.

[2 marks]

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Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs in contemporary British society about contraception.

In your answer you must 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 same-sex marriage.

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

[5 marks]

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'Religious believers should never divorce.'

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 terms explains how different species have changed and developed?

[1 mark]

- A Big Bang
- B Creation
- C Dominion
- D Evolution

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Give **two** reasons why many people experience awe and wonder when they look at the natural world.

[2 marks]

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Explain **two** similar religious beliefs in contemporary British society that are used to oppose animal experimentation.

In your answer you must 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 many religious people protect the environment.

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

[5 marks]

0	2	.	5
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'People who value and protect human life will be rewarded in the 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 ►

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**Theme C: The existence of God and revelation**

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Which **one** of the following is **not** used as an argument against the existence of God?

**[1 mark]**

- A** Existence of evil
- B** Experiencing suffering
- C** First Cause Argument
- D** Science and scientific knowledge

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Give **two** strengths of the Design Argument for the existence of God.

**[2 marks]**

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Explain **two** similar beliefs from contemporary British society about miracles.

In your answer you must refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and non-religious beliefs.

**[4 marks]**

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Explain **two** religious beliefs about the immanence of God.

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

**[5 marks]**

0	3	.	5
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'General revelation is **not** an important source of knowledge about 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]**

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**Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict**

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Which **one** of the following describes the unlawful use of violence against civilians?  
[1 mark]

- A Forgiveness
- B Pacifism
- C Reconciliation
- D Terrorism

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Give **two** ways victims of war are helped by religious organisations.

[2 marks]

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Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs in contemporary British society about violence.

In your answer you must 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 justice.

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

[5 marks]

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‘Being prepared to fight a war is the best way to keep the peace.’

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 is **not** a reason for crime?**[1 mark]**

- A**    Addiction
- B**    Greed
- C**    Poverty
- D**    Reformation

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Give **two** reasons why many religious people support the use of prison as a punishment.**[2 marks]**

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Explain **two** similar beliefs in contemporary British society about the importance of forgiveness.

In your answer you must 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 the crime of murder.

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

**[5 marks]**

0	5	.	5
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'Religious people should always obey the law.'

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 is an action that belief in Human Rights supports?**[1 mark]**

- A** Exploiting the poor
- B** People trafficking
- C** Racial prejudice
- D** Respecting others

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Give **two** religious beliefs about the responsibilities of being wealthy.**[2 marks]**

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Explain **two** similar religious attitudes in contemporary British society about the freedom of religious expression.

In your answer you must refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions.

**[4 marks]**

0	6	.	4
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Explain **two** religious reasons why social justice is important.

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

**[5 marks]**

0	6	.	5
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‘Giving money to charity is the best way of helping 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]****END OF QUESTIONS**

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