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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.

DO NOT TURN OVER UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO

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 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

0 1 . 2

Give **TWO** teachings about the role of parents in a religious family. [2 marks]

01.3

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]

01.4

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]

[Turn over]

01.5

‘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]

0 2**THEME B: Religion and life****0 2 . 1**

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**

0 2 . 2

Give TWO reasons why many people experience awe and wonder when they look at the natural world. [2 marks]

[Turn over]

02.3

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]

02.4

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]

02.5

‘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]

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

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

03.2

Give TWO strengths of the Design Argument for the existence of God. [2 marks]

03.3

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]

03 . 4

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]

03 . 5

‘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]

[Turn over]

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

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

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

04.2

Give TWO ways victims of war are helped by religious organisations. [2 marks]

04.3

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]

04.4

Explain TWO religious beliefs about justice.

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

04.5

‘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]

05**THEME E: Religion, crime and punishment****05.1**

**Which ONE of the following is NOT a reason for crime?
[1 mark]**

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

05.2

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

05.3

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]

05.4

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]

05.5

‘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]

[Turn over]

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

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**

06.2

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

06.3

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]

06 . 4

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]

06 . 5

‘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]

[Turn over]

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

Which **ONE** of the following disciples was **NOT** with Jesus at the Transfiguration? [1 mark]

- A Andrew
- B James
- C John
- D Peter

07. 2

Give **TWO** reasons why Jesus was rejected at Nazareth. [2 marks]

07. 3

Explain **TWO** contrasting Christian beliefs about the events in Gethsemane on the night Jesus was arrested. [4 marks]

07.4

Explain TWO things that Christians can learn from the healing of Bartimaeus.

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

07.5

'The evidence in Mark's Gospel shows that Jesus did rise from the dead.'

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]

[Turn over]

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 say would grow so large that birds could nest in its shade? [1 mark]

- A Fig Tree**
- B Mustard Seed**
- C Olive Tree**
- D Wheat Seed**

08.2

Give TWO things that Jesus said to the man with leprosy after he had asked Jesus to heal him. [2 marks]

08.3

Explain TWO similar Christian beliefs about the healing of the Greek (Syro-Phoenician) woman's daughter. [4 marks]

08 . 4

Explain TWO things that Christians can learn from the story of the call of the first disciples.

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

08 . 5

'Having faith in God is the most important message of St Mark's Gospel.'

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]

END OF QUESTIONS

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