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**GCSE**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES A**

**Paper 2B: Thematic Studies (including textual studies)**

**8062/2B**

**Tuesday 23 May 2023**

**Afternoon**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes**

**MATERIALS**

**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.

**THEME A: Relationships and families**

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Which **ONE** of the following means an unmarried couple living together? [1 mark]

- A Procreation
- B Cohabitation
- C Divorce
- D Polygamy

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Give **TWO** reasons why many religious believers accept remarriage. [2 marks]

01.3

**Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about gender equality.**

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

01.4

**Explain TWO religious beliefs about the role of children within the family.**

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

**[Turn over]**

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**‘Married couples should not use contraception.’**

**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]**

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

**Which ONE of the following terms may be used when describing the general well-being of a person? [1 mark]**

- A Length of life**
- B Purpose of life**
- C Quality of life**
- D Sanctity of life**

**02.2**

**Give TWO reasons why some religious people are against experimenting on animals. [2 marks]**

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**Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about an afterlife.**

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

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**Explain TWO reasons why many religious people believe they have a duty to look after the world.**

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



**02.5**

**‘Euthanasia is never the best option.’**

**Evaluate this statement.**

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- **should reach a justified conclusion.**

**[12 marks]**

**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

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

Which **ONE** of the following is a form of special revelation? [1 mark]

- A** Being brought up to believe in God
- B** Learning of God through what humans do
- C** Meeting God directly
- D** Seeing God through nature

**03.2**

Give **TWO** reasons why some people do **NOT** believe that revelations about God are real. [2 marks]

**03.3**

Explain **TWO** contrasting beliefs about miracles.

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

**03.4**

**Explain TWO religious beliefs about the omnipotence of God.**

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

**03.5**

**‘The only way to know God is by being enlightened.’**

**Evaluate this statement.**

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- **should reach a justified conclusion.**

**[12 marks]**

**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

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

Which **ONE** of the following best expresses the idea of accepting someone's apology for what they have done wrong? [1 mark]

- A**    **Forgiveness**
- B**    **Justice**
- C**    **Protest**
- D**    **Punishment**

**04.2**

Give **TWO** reasons why a conflict may be said to be a 'holy war'. [2 marks]

**04.3**

Explain **TWO** similar religious beliefs about a country using weapons of mass destruction.

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

**04.4**

**Explain TWO reasons why some religious believers choose to work for an organisation that helps victims of war.**

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

**04.5**

**‘All religious believers should be pacifists and never fight.’**

**Evaluate this statement.**

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**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

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

Which **ONE** of the following aims of punishment can be described as taking revenge? [1 mark]

- A Deterrence**
- B Protection**
- C Reformation**
- D Retribution**

**05.2**

Give **TWO** different types of crime. [2 marks]

**05.3**

Explain **TWO** contrasting religious views about the treatment of people who have committed evil actions.

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

**05.4**

**Explain TWO reasons why some religious believers might break the law.**

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

**05.5**

**‘Community service does NOT punish the criminal enough.’**

**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**
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- **should reach a justified conclusion.**

**[12 marks]**

**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

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

**06.1**

**Which ONE of the following means treating people fairly? [1 mark]**

- A Exploitation**
- B Hatred**
- C Inequality**
- D Justice**

**06.2**

**Give TWO causes of poverty. [2 marks]**

**06.3**

**Explain TWO similar religious beliefs about freedom of religion.**

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



**06.4**

**Explain TWO reasons why religious believers should challenge racial prejudice.**

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

**06.5**

**‘People living in poverty must help themselves to overcome any difficulties they face.’**

**Evaluate this statement.**

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**SECTION B**

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

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

07.1

How many others were crucified with Jesus according to St Mark's Gospel? [1 mark]

- A One
- B Two
- C Three
- D Four

07.2

Give **TWO** things Jesus said when he prayed in Gethsemane (on the night of his arrest). [2 marks]

07.3

Explain **TWO** contrasting Christian beliefs about the Feeding of the Five Thousand. [4 marks]

**07.4**

**Explain TWO lessons Christians might learn from Jesus' reply to the request made by James and John.**

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

**07.5**

**'The titles given to Jesus in St Mark's Gospel are NOT helpful to Christians today.'**

**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**
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- **should reach a justified conclusion.**

**[12 marks]**

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

**08.1**

**Which ONE of the following did Jesus tell the twelve disciples to take with them on their mission? [1 mark]**

- A Bag (pack)**
- B Bread**
- C Money**
- D Staff (stick)**

**08.2**

**Give TWO instructions that Jesus gave to the rich man who wanted to inherit eternal life. [2 marks]**

**08.3**

**Explain TWO contrasting beliefs about the importance of the meeting of Jesus with the woman with a haemorrhage. [4 marks]**

**08.4**

**Explain TWO things that Christians might learn from the healing of the man with leprosy.**

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

**08.5**

**'Obeying the Commandment to "love God" is all that a believer must do to live a Christian life.'**

**Evaluate this statement.**

**In your answer you:**

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**[12 marks]**

**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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