



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

0 1 . 1

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

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

0 1 . 2

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

0 1 . 3

Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about gender equality.

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

[Turn over]

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]

01.5

‘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]

[Turn over]

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

0 2 . 2

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

0 2 . 3

Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about an afterlife.

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

0 2 . 4

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]

[Turn over]

0 2 . 5

‘Euthanasia is never the best option.’

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 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]

0 3 . 3

Explain TWO contrasting beliefs about miracles.

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

0 3 . 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]

[Turn over]

03.5

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

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**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]

[Turn over]

04.5

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

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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THEME E: Religion, crime and punishment

0 5 . 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**

0 5 . 2

Give TWO different types of crime. [2 marks]

0 5 . 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]

0 5 . 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]

[Turn over]

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**
- **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

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]

0 6 . 3

Explain TWO similar religious beliefs about freedom of religion.

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

0 6 . 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]

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

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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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]

[Turn over]

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**
- may refer to non-religious arguments**
- should reach a justified conclusion.**

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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]

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‘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:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement**
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view**
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