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# GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 2A Thematic Studies

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Thursday 16 May 2024

Afternoon

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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The family unit is important to many religious people.

Which **one** of the following describes an extended family?

[1 mark]

- A** A couple living without children
- B** A person living with their pets
- C** Children living with parents
- D** Parents living with children and grandparents

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Give **two** religious beliefs about human sexuality.

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Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about polygamy.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

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Explain **two** religious beliefs about gender discrimination.

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

[5 marks]

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'Marriage is **not** important in today's world.'

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 is a term used to express the belief that human life is sacred and special?

**[1 mark]**

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

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Give **two** reasons why some religious believers support animal experimentation.

**[2 marks]**

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Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about the origins of human life.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

**[4 marks]**

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Explain **two** reasons why religious believers should help to reduce pollution.

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

**[5 marks]**

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‘Religious believers should be against abortion.’

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** an example of General Revelation?**[1 mark]**

- A** Being told about God by other people
- B** Feeling a sense of awe when seeing a beautiful sunset
- C** Learning about a miraculous event
- D** Seeing a vision of God

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Give **two** reasons why many religious believers think that God is impersonal.**[2 marks]**

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Explain **two** similar reasons why enlightenment is important for religious believers.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

**[4 marks]**

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Explain **two** religious beliefs about scripture (holy books) as a source of revelation about the divine (God).

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

**[5 marks]**

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'The Design argument does **not** prove that God exists.'

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 terms may be used to describe the belief that all violence is wrong?

**[1 mark]**

- A** Deterrence
- B** Justice
- C** Pacifism
- D** Terrorism

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Give **two** ways in which religious believers might act as peacemakers.

**[2 marks]**

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Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about countries having a nuclear deterrent.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

**[4 marks]**

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Explain **two** religious beliefs that encourage people to help victims of war.

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

**[5 marks]**

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'Self-defence is the only good reason 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 ►**

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**Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment**

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Which **one** of the following is a term given to a crime that involves violent actions against someone because of their race or religion?

**[1 mark]**

- A** Drug crime
- B** Financial crime
- C** Hate crime
- D** Property crime

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Give **two** reasons why religious people might oppose an unjust law.

**[2 marks]**

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Explain **two** contrasting religious views about sending criminals to prison.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

**[4 marks]**

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Explain **two** religious views about theft (stealing).

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 support the use of the death penalty.’

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 best describes the meaning of prejudice?**[1 mark]**

- A** An action that treats someone unfairly
- B** Judging someone without knowing them
- C** Telling lies about someone
- D** Using violence against someone

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Give **two** ways in which religious believers work for social justice.**[2 marks]**

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Explain **two** similar religious beliefs about racial prejudice.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

**[4 marks]**

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Explain **two** religious beliefs about attitudes to wealth.

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

**[5 marks]**

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'The right to follow a religion is the most important human right.'

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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