

# GCSE (Short course) RELIGIOUS STUDIES

8061 QUESTION PAPER

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Specimen 2018

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

## Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA answer booklet.

## Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer booklet. The examining body for this paper is AQA. The paper reference is 8061.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- There are three religions in Section A. You should choose **two** religions and answer all the questions on those two faiths. All faiths have five questions.
- There are two themes in Section B. Answer all the questions in Section B. Each theme has five questions.

## Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 101.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**) will be assessed in each 12-mark question. The marks for SPaG are shown below the mark allocation for each question.
- You will be awarded a mark for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) for each of the four 12-mark questions that you attempt. The best of these marks will be included in your total for the paper.

## Advice

- You are advised to spend 50 minutes on Section A and 50 minutes on Section B.
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**Section A**

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**Answer all the questions on two faiths in this section**

**Christianity**

- 1** . **1** Which one of the following expresses the belief that, in Jesus, God became a man?  
A) The Resurrection B) The Crucifixion C) The Baptism D) The Incarnation  
**[1 mark]**
- 1** . **2** Give two ways in which Christians believe the Holy Spirit is at work in the world.  
**[2 marks]**
- 1** . **3** Explain what Christians believe about the ascension of Jesus  
**[4 marks]**
- 1** . **4** Explain how a belief in creation influences Christians.  
**[5 marks]**
- 1** . **5** 'The best way for Christians to achieve salvation is by following the law of God,'  
Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:
- refer to Christian teaching
  - give developed arguments to support this statement
  - give developed arguments to support a different point of view
  - reach a justified conclusion.
- [12 marks]**

**SPaG 5 Marks**

**Islam**

- 2** . **1** Which one of the following expresses the Muslim belief that God is One?  
A) Torah      B) Tariq      C) Tawhid      D) Taqwah  
**[1 mark]**
- 2** . **2** Give two qualities which Muslims believe God possesses.  
**[2 marks]**
- 2** . **3** Explain what Muslims believe about angels.  
**[4 marks]**
- 2** . **4** Explain how belief in the Imamate influences Shi'a Muslims.  
**[5 marks]**
- 2** . **5** 'The best way for Muslims to learn about their faith is by learning the Qur'an.'  
Evaluate this statement.  
In your answer you should:
- refer to Islamic teachings
  - give developed arguments to support this statement
  - give developed arguments to support a different point of view
  - reach a justified conclusion.
- [12 marks]**

**SPaG 5 Marks**

**Judaism**

- 3** . **1** The Covenant at Mount Sinai was given in the presence of:  
A) Moses B) Elijah C) Abraham D) Noah  
**[1 mark]**
- 3** . **2** Give two acts which it is believed the Messiah will perform.  
**[2 marks]**
- 3** . **3** Explain what Jews believe about free will.  
**[4 marks]**
- 3** . **4** Explain how the principle of saving a life (pikuach nefesh) influences Jews.  
**[5 marks]**
- 3** . **5** 'For a Jew, the best description of God is 'God is One'.  
Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:
- refer to Jewish teachings
  - give developed arguments to support this statement
  - give developed arguments to support a different point of view
  - reach a justified conclusion.
- [12 marks]**  
**SPaG 5 Marks**

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**Section B****Answer all the questions in this section**

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**Theme A: Relationships and families**

**0 4 . 1** Which one of the following best expresses the religious view that one purpose of marriage is to have children?

- A) Procreation    B) Contraception    C) Stability    D) Polygamy

[1 mark]

**0 4 . 2** Give two religious beliefs about the nature of the family.

[2 marks]

**0 4 . 3** Explain religious beliefs about the role of parents in a religious family.

[4 marks]

**0 4 . 4** Explain different attitudes in contemporary British society to the issue of the use of contraception.

You must refer to religious views in your answer. You may also refer to non-religious views.

[5 marks]

**0 4 . 5** 'Divorce is never right.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should refer to scripture, sacred writings or other religious texts
- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should reach a justified conclusion
- may refer to non-religious arguments.

[12 marks]

**SPaG 5 Marks**

**Theme B: Religion, Peace and Conflict**

**0 5** . **1** Which one of the following best expresses the religious ideal that there should be no violence in the world?

- A) Defence      B) Justice      C) Peace      D) Terrorism

**[1 mark]**

**0 5** . **2** Give two ways in which religious believers help victims of war.

**[2 marks]**

**0 5** . **3** Explain religious beliefs about forgiveness.

**[4 marks]**

**0 5** . **4** Explain different religious attitudes in contemporary British society to weapons of mass destruction.

You must refer to religious views in your answer. You may also refer to non-religious views.

**[5 marks]**

**0 5** . **5** 'War is never right.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should refer to scripture, sacred writings or other religious texts
- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should reach a justified conclusion
- may refer to non-religious arguments.

**[12 marks]**

**SPaG 5 Marks**

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