

GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 1A

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 8062/1A.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- There are seven religions. You should choose two religions and answer all the questions from the two religions you have chosen. There are eleven parts to the questions for each religion.
- You must NOT answer on BOTH Christianity AND Catholic Christianity.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 96.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**) will be assessed in the 12 mark questions. The marks for SPaG are shown below the mark allocation for each question.

Advice

- You are advised to spend 50 minutes on each religion.

Question 1: Christianity

If you have answered Question 2: Catholic Christianity you cannot answer this question.

Beliefs

- 0 1** . **1** Which one of the following is the book in the Bible in which the story of Creation can be found?
A) Exodus B) Genesis C) Proverbs D) Revelation
[1 mark]
- 0 1** . **2** Give two qualities which Christians believe describe the nature of God.
[2 marks]
- 0 1** . **3** Explain Christian teaching about judgement.
[4 marks]
- 0 1** . **4** Explain how belief in the Resurrection influences Christians today.
[5 marks]
- 0 1** . **5** Why is belief in the Trinity important for Christians?
Explain your answer.
[6 marks]

Practices

- 0 1** . **6** Which one of the following is the sacrament that commemorates Jesus' last supper?
A) Marriage B) Baptism C) Eucharist D) Sunday
[1 mark]
- 0 1** . **7** Give two examples of the work of the Church in the local community.
[2 marks]
- 0 1** . **8** Explain the role of a Christian street pastor.
[4 marks]
- 0 1** . **9** Explain how going on pilgrimage may influence Christians.
[5 marks]
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1 . **1 0** Why is the celebration of Christmas as a religious festival important for Christians today?

Explain your answer.

[6 marks]

Beliefs and practices

1 . **1 1** 'The best way for Christians to reach an understanding of God is by practising prayer.'

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.
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[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 Marks

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Question 2: Catholic Christianity

If you have answered Question 1: Christianity you cannot answer this question.

Beliefs

- 0 2** . **1** Which one of the following is the sacrament in which a young adult becomes a full member of the Church?
A) Matrimony B) Reconciliation C) Confirmation D) Prayer
[1 mark]
- 0 2** . **2** Give two beliefs about human beings found in the Genesis creation stories.
[2 marks]
- 0 2** . **3** Explain Christian teaching about the Incarnation of Jesus.
[4 marks]
- 0 2** . **4** Explain the influence of belief in the resurrection of Jesus on individual Christians today.
[5 marks]
- 0 2** . **5** Why is the Eucharist important for Catholics?
Explain your answer.
[6 marks]

Practices

- 0 2** . **6** Which one of the following is a Catholic agency?
A) Childline B) Cafod C) Shelter D) Oxfam
[1 mark]
- 0 2** . **7** Give two aims of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP).
[2 marks]
- 0 2** . **8** Explain the role of the Rosary in Catholic worship.
[4 marks]
- 0 2** . **9** Explain how the funeral rite may influence Catholics.
[5 marks]

2 . **1 0** Why is pilgrimage important for Catholics today?

Explain your answer.

[6 marks]

Beliefs and practices

2 . **1 1** 'The best way for Catholics to reach an understanding of God is by practising prayer.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Catholic teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 Marks

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Question 3: Buddhism**Beliefs**

- 0 3** . **1** Which one of the following is the book which contains stories from the life of the Buddha?
A) Jataka Tales B) Dhammapada C) Tipitaka D) Pali Canon
[1 mark]
- 0 3** . **2** Give two reasons why Buddha rejected his life of wealth.
[2 marks]
- 0 3** . **3** Explain the teaching about nibbana / nirvana in Buddhism.
[4 marks]
- 0 3** . **4** Explain how learning about the life of the Buddha may influence Buddhists today.
[5 marks]
- 0 3** . **5** Why is belief in the Three Poisons important for Buddhists?
Explain your answer.
[6 marks]

Practices

- 0 3** . **6** Which of the following is a Buddhist festival?
A) Parinirvana B) Holi C) Anicca D) Dukkha
[1 mark]
- 0 3** . **7** Give two of the five moral precepts.
[2 marks]
- 0 3** . **8** Explain how shrines are used in Buddhist worship.
[4 marks]
- 0 3** . **9** Explain how the practice of patience may influence Mahayana Buddhists.
[5 marks]

3 . **1 0** Why is festival of Wesak important for Buddhists today?

Explain your answer.

[6 marks]

Beliefs and practices

3 . **1 1** 'The best way to understand the Buddha's teachings about the Three Marks of Existence is by meditating'.

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Buddhist teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 Marks

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Question 4: Hinduism**Beliefs**

- 0 4 . 1** Which one of the following deities is one of the tri-murti?
A) Ganesh B) Lakshmi C) Brahma D) Saraswasti
[1 mark]
- 0 4 . 2** Give two of the features of the divine.
[2 marks]
- 0 4 . 3** Explain Hindu teaching about Moksha.
[4 marks]
- 0 4 . 4** Explain how practising ahimsa (non-violence) influences Hindus today.
[5 marks]
- 0 4 . 5** Why is mind/sense control important to Hindus?
Explain your answer.
[6 marks]

Practices

- 0 4 . 6** Which of the following is a Hindu form of worship?
A) Veda B) Havan C) Smrti D) Murti
[1 mark]
- 0 4 . 7** Give two types of yoga practised in Hinduism.
[2 marks]
- 0 4 . 8** Explain how shrines are used in Hinduism.
[4 marks]
- 0 4 . 9** Explain how pilgrimage to Varanasi may influence Hindus.
[5 marks]

4 . **1 0** Why is the festival of Diwali important for Hindus today?

Explain your answer.

[6 marks]

Beliefs and practices

4 . **1 1** 'The best way for Hindus to reach an understanding of Brahman is by meditating.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Hindu teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 Marks

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Question 5: Islam**Beliefs**

0 5 . **1** Which one of the following best describes the meaning of Tawhid?
A) Prophethood B) Justice C) Life after Death D) Oneness of God
[1 mark]

0 5 . **2** Name two of the Holy books, other than the Qur'an.
[2 marks]

0 5 . **3** Explain Muslim teaching about angels.
[4 marks]

0 5 . **4** Explain how a belief in life after death influences Muslims today.
[5 marks]

0 5 . **5** Why is the example of Muhammad important for Muslims?
Explain your answer.
[6 marks]

Practices

0 5 . **6** Which one of the following is the religious tax paid by Shi'a Muslims?
A) Khums B) Zakah C) Sawm D) Mosque
[1 mark]

0 5 . **7** Give two ways in which Shi'a Muslims celebrate the festival of Ashura.
[2 marks]

0 5 . **8** Explain the role of the kaaba during the Muslim Hajj (pilgrimage).
[4 marks]

0 5 . **9** Explain how fasting in Ramadan may influence Muslims.
[5 marks]

5 . **1 0** Why is the festival of Id ul Fitr important for Muslims today?

Explain your answer.

[6 marks]

Beliefs and practices

5 . **1 1** 'The best way for Muslims to understand God is to practise Salah.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Islamic teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 Marks

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Question 6: Judaism**Beliefs**

- 0 6** . **1** Which word is used to express a belief in God as the Divine Presence?
A) Sefer Torah B) Tzedakah C) Shekinah D) Tenakh
[1 mark]
- 0 6** . **2** Give two of the key moral principles of Judaism.
[2 marks]
- 0 6** . **3** Explain Jewish understanding of the role of the Messiah.
[4 marks]
- 0 6** . **4** Explain how belief that the mitzvot are the commands of God influences Jews today.
[5 marks]
- 0 6** . **5** Why is the covenant with Abraham important for Jews?
Explain your answer.
[6 marks]

Practices

- 0 6** . **6** Which one of the following is the oral law in Judaism?
A) Torah B) Tefillin C) Tzitzit D) Talmud
[1 mark]
- 0 6** . **7** Give two reasons why Jews celebrate Brit Milah.
[2 marks]
- 0 6** . **8** Explain the part played by the ark (Aron hakodesh) in synagogue worship.
[4 marks]
- 0 6** . **9** Explain how the celebration of Shabbat may influence Jews.
[5 marks]

6 . **1 0** Why is it important for Jews to celebrate Yom Kippur?

Explain your answer.

[6 marks]

Beliefs and practices

6 . **1 1** 'The best way for Jews to understand what God is like is by taking part in Jewish family life.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to the teaching of Judaism
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

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Question 7: Sikhism**Beliefs**

- 0 7** . **1** Which one of the following is the name of the holy book of Sikhism?
A) Guru Granth Sahib B) Sangat C) Singh D) Mool Mantra
[1 mark]
- 0 7** . **2** Give two examples of how someone might show 'haumai'.
[2 marks]
- 0 7** . **3** Explain what the Mool Mantra teaches about God.
[4 marks]
- 0 7** . **4** Explain how belief in karma influences Sikhs today.
[5 marks]
- 0 7** . **5** Why is Sewa (service to others) important for Sikhs?
Explain your answer.
[6 marks]

Practices

- 0 7** . **6** Which one of the following is the festival that celebrates the founding of the khalsa in Sikhism?
A) Vaisakhi B) Gurmukh C) Gurpurb D) Amrit
[1 mark]
- 0 7** . **7** Give two of the 5 Ks of Sikhism.
[2 marks]
- 0 7** . **8** Explain the use of the takht in a Sikh Gurdwara.
[4 marks]
- 0 7** . **9** Explain how an akhand path may influence Sikhs in the modern world.
[5 marks]

7 . **1 0** Why is the festival of Divali important to Sikhs today?

Explain your answer.

[6 marks]

Beliefs and practices

7 . **1 1** 'The best way for Sikhs to gain an understanding the nature of God is by meditating on the name of God.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to the teaching of Sikhism.
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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