

GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 2A

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 8062/2A.
- 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 those **four** themes you have chosen.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 96 plus 5 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.

Advice

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

You should answer all questions from FOUR themes.

Theme A: Relationships and families

0 1 . **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 1 . **2** Give two religious beliefs about the nature of the family.

[2 marks]

0 1 . **3** Explain religious beliefs about the role of parents in a religious family.

[4 marks]

0 1 . **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 1 . **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 and life

0 2 . **1** Which of the following is a religious theory about how the universe began?

A) The Big Cloud B) Creation C) Collision theory D) Atomic theory

[1 mark]

0 2 . **2** Give two examples of what religious believers might do to help to carry out the duty of stewardship.

[2 marks]

0 2 . **3** Explain religious beliefs about animal experimentation.

[4 marks]

0 2 . **4** Explain different attitudes in contemporary British society to the issue of abortion.

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

[5 marks]

0 2 . **5** 'It is not reasonable to believe in life after death.'

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 C: The Existence of God and Revelation

- 0 3** . **1** Which one of the following best expresses the idea that the divine (God, gods or ultimate reality) is beyond this world?
A) Omnipotent B) Omniscient C) Transcendent D) Immanent. **[1 mark]**
- 0 3** . **2** Give two types of general revelation. **[2 marks]**
- 0 3** . **3** Explain religious beliefs about miracles. **[4 marks]**
- 0 3** . **4** Explain different attitudes in contemporary British society to religious visions.
You must refer to religious views in your answer. You may also refer to non-religious views. **[5 marks]**
- 0 3** . **5** 'The design argument proves that God exists.'
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 D: Religion, peace and conflict

0 4 . **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 4 . **2** Give two ways in which religious believers help victims of war.

[2 marks]

0 4 . **3** Explain religious beliefs about forgiveness.

[4 marks]

0 4 . **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 4 . **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

Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment

0 5 . **1** Which one of the following expresses the religious idea that one aim of punishment should be to encourage people not to commit crimes?

A) Reformation B) Protection C) Deterrence D) Reparation?

[1 mark]

0 5 . **2** Give two examples of religious moral laws which some criminals break.

[2 marks]

0 5 . **3** Explain religious beliefs about breaking the law in order to get a bad law changed.

[4 marks]

0 5 . **4** Explain different attitudes in contemporary British society to corporal punishment.

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

[5 marks]

0 5 . **5** 'The death penalty can never be justified.'

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 F: Religion, human rights and social justice

0 6 . **1** Which one of the following best expresses the religious ideal that everyone should get what they deserve?

- A) Tolerance B) Prejudice C) Justice D) Compassion

[1 mark]

0 6 . **2** Give two examples of what religious believers would see as exploitation of the poor.

[2 marks]

0 6 . **3** Explain religious beliefs about the status of the disabled in religion.

[4 marks]

0 6 . **4** Explain different attitudes in contemporary British society to the right to freedom of religion and belief.

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

[5 marks]

0 6 . **5** 'It is always right to give charity to the poor.'

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

End of questions.

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