

GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES B

Component 2A Perspectives on faith

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 8063/2A.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Section A:

- Choose **one** option.
- Answer all the questions from the option you choose.

Section B:

- Choose **two** themes.
- Answer all the questions from the themes you choose.

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.

Section A

Answer all the questions from **either** Option A: Islam **or** Option B: Judaism

Option A: Islam**BELIEFS**

- 0 1** . **1** Which one of the following is a Prophet of Islam?
A) Ibrahim B) Jibril C) Mika'il D) Israfil
[1 mark]
- 0 1** . **2** Name two of the Holy Books of Islam other than the Qur'an.
[2 marks]
- 0 1** . **3** Explain Shi'a beliefs about the Imamate.
[4 marks]
- 0 1** . **4** How does belief in hell influence the life of a Muslim
Explain your answer.
[5 marks]
- 0 1** . **5** 'Muslim teaching about predestination means that people have no free will.'
Evaluate this statement.
In your answer you should:
• refer to the teachings of Islam
• give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
• give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
• reach a justified conclusion.
[12 marks]
Plus SPaG 5 marks

PRACTICES

- 0 2 . 1** Which one of the following is pilgrimage in Islam?
A) Tawhid B) Prophethood C) Hajj D) Resurrection
[1 mark]
- 0 2 . 2** Give two of the features of a mosque that allow it to be used as a place of prayer.
[2 marks]
- 0 2 . 3** Explain the purpose of zakah.
[4 marks]
- 0 2 . 4** How may fasting in Ramadan influence the life of a Muslim?
Explain your answer.
[5 marks]
- 0 2 . 5** 'It is not important for Muslims to celebrate festivals today.'
Evaluate this statement.
In your answer you should:
- refer to the teachings of Islam
 - give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
 - give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
 - reach a justified conclusion.
- [12 marks]**
Plus SPaG 5 marks

END OF QUESTIONS ON OPTION A

Option B: Judaism**BELIEFS**

0 3 . **1** Which of the following best expresses the meaning of the word 'Messiah'?

- A) God B) Prophet C) Chosen People D) Anointed One

[1 mark]

0 3 . **2** Give two beliefs held by Jews about the coming of the Messiah.

[2 marks]

0 3 . **3** Explain Jewish beliefs about 'saving a life' (pikuach nefesh).

[4 marks]

0 3 . **4** How may belief in justice influence the life of a Jew?
Explain your answer.

[5 marks]

0 3 . **5** For Jews, the most important belief about God is that God is the Law-giver.

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you should:

- refer to the teachings of Judaism
- give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 marks

PRACTICES

0 4 . **1** Which one of the following is the oral law in Judaism?

- A) Torah B) Tallit C) Tzizit D) Talmud

[1 mark]

0 4 . **2** Give two of the religious features of a synagogue.

[2 marks]

0 4 . **3** Explain the purpose of the Amidah prayer.

[4 marks]

0 4 . **4** How do beliefs about death and life after death influence Jewish mourning rituals?
Explain your answer.

[5 marks]

0 4 . **5** 'The festivals of Judaism have no religious importance today.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you should:

- refer to the teachings of Judaism
- give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 marks

END OF QUESTIONS ON OPTION B

SECTION B

Answer all the questions from any **two** themes:

Theme A: Relationships and families

0 5 . **1** Many religions forbid sexual relationships between people of the same gender. Which one of the following is the term used for such a relationship?

- A) transsexual B) metrosexual C) homosexual D) adultery

[1 mark]

0 5 . **2** Give two religious ideas about the purposes of sexual love.

[2 marks]

0 5 . **3** Explain religious beliefs about family planning.

[4 marks]

0 5 . **4** Explain different attitudes in contemporary British society to the issue of divorce.

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

[5 marks]

0 5 . **5** 'Men and women should be treated the same.'

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]

Plus SPaG 5 marks

Theme B: Religion, peace and conflict

0 6 . **1** The Catechism states that war may be fought in self-defence under certain conditions. Which one of the following is the term used for this theory?

- A) Social War B) Just War C) World War D) Religious War

[1 mark]

0 6 . **2** Give two reasons why many religious believers are opposed to the use of weapons of mass destruction.

[2 marks]

0 6 . **3** Explain religious beliefs about forgiveness.

[4 marks]

0 6 . **4** Explain different attitudes in contemporary British society to the issue of pacifism.

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

[5 marks]

0 6 . **5** 'Anger 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]

Plus SPaG 5 marks

Theme C: Religion, human rights and social justice

0 7 . **1** Which one of the following best expresses the religious ideal that everyone should be treated fairly?

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

[1 mark]

0 7 . **2** Give two ways in which Catholics may take action to improve human rights.

[2 marks]

0 7 . **3** Explain religious beliefs about racial equality.

[4 marks]

0 7 . **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 7 . **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]

Plus SPaG 5 marks

END OF QUESTIONS