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RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B) 30602
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B) (SHORT COURSE)
Unit 2 Key Beliefs, Ultimate Questions and Life Issues

Friday 6 June 2003 9.00 am to 10.45 am

<p>In addition to this paper you will require: a 12-page answer book.</p>
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Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for the paper is AQA. The paper reference is 30602.
- Answer **four** questions.
- You must answer **one** question from Section A.
- You must answer **one** question from Section B.
- You must answer **one** question from Section C.
- You must answer **one** question from Section D.
- No more than **two religious traditions** should be used in answer to any **one** question.
- Do not use more than **three** religions in the paper as a whole.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 83.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be awarded up to 3 marks for quality of written communication. You are required to:
 - Present relevant information in a form that suits its purposes.
 - Ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that the meaning is clear.
 - Use a suitable structure and style of writing.

Advice

- You are advised not to spend more than 25 minutes on each question.

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SECTION A KEY BELIEFS

Choose **one** question from **Questions A1 to A7** and answer **all** parts of that question.

Each question carries 20 marks.

A1 Buddhism

- (a) Name the prince who became known as the Buddha. *(1 mark)*
- (b) What does the title Buddha mean? *(1 mark)*
- (c) What is a mantra? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Give **two** of the Four Noble Truths. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Name **two** objects that are seen at a Buddhist shrine. *(2 marks)*
- (f) What are the Three Marks of Existence? *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain why Buddhists meditate. *(5 marks)*
- (h) “Buddhism is more a way of life than a religion.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

A2 Christianity

- (a) Who do Christians believe is the Son of God? *(1 mark)*
- (b) Christians often say that the Holy Spirit is their guide. What does this mean? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Christians drink wine at Holy Communion. What does the wine represent? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Why did Jesus tell a rich man to give away all his money? *(2 marks)*
- (e) Why did Jesus say to Zacchaeus, “Salvation has come to this house today”? *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** reasons why the Bible is important to Christians. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain why many Christians like liturgical worship (a set form of worship). *(5 marks)*
- (h) “The resurrection of Jesus is the most important event in Christianity.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

A3 Hinduism

- (a) What is meant by Atman? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What is the name given to the cycle of life, death and rebirth in Hinduism? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Which Hindu god has the head of an elephant? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Name or describe **two** avatars of Vishnu. *(2 marks)*
- (e) What is the difference between Shruti and Smriti scriptures? *(2 marks)*
- (f) One of the four aims of life is Dharma (duty). Give the other **three**. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain, using examples, the importance of symbols in Hindu worship. *(5 marks)*
- (h) "Obeying Dharma (duty) is the most important part of Hinduism."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

A4 Islam

- (a) What does the word Islam mean? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What is Akhirah? *(1 mark)*
- (c) To whom was the Qur'an revealed? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Give **two** of the attributes of Allah. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** Muslim beliefs about Hell. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** religious reasons why Muslims fast during Ramadan. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain why Muslims go on pilgrimage to Makkah (Mecca). *(5 marks)*
- (h) "Prayer is the most important part of a Muslim's life."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

A5 Judaism

- (a) Which Jewish leader led the Israelites out of Egypt? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What is a covenant? *(1 mark)*
- (c) What is the Shema? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Give **two** things that the Jews believe about God. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** of the kashrut regulations about meat. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Describe **three** practices observed during Yom Kippur. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain why the Jews believe that the Torah is important. *(5 marks)*
- (h) “Keeping Shabbat (the Sabbath Day) holy is the most important part of Judaism.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

A6 Sikhism

- (a) Name the first human Guru. *(1 mark)*
- (b) What are the first words of the Mool Mantar (Mantra)? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Which Guru formed the Khalsa? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Give **two** of the vows taken by Sikhs when becoming members of the Khalsa. *(2 marks)*
- (e) What is karah parshad? *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** ways Sikhs show respect for the Guru Granth Sahib. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain the importance of **three** of the 5 Ks for Sikhs. *(5 marks)*
- (h) “The home is the most important Sikh place of worship.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

A7 Christian Ethics: Attitudes to Love and Forgiveness

- (a) In Matthew's gospel, what did Jesus say his followers should do to their enemies? *(1 mark)*
- (b) Who wrote, "Love is patient and kind"? *(1 mark)*
- (c) According to Jesus, what is the most important commandment? *(1 mark)*
- (d) In the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, how did the servant show he had not learned to forgive? *(2 marks)*
- (e) What do Christians learn about forgiveness from the Lord's Prayer? *(2 marks)*
- (f) Storgé (family love) is one of the types of love in the New Testament. Give the other **three**. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain what the Parable of the Prodigal Son (the Lost Son) teaches Christians about forgiveness. *(5 marks)*
- (h) "Jesus was wrong to forgive those who crucified him."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

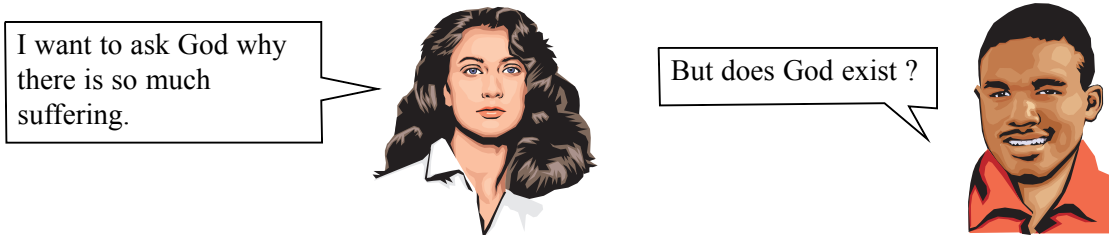
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SECTION B QUESTIONS OF MEANINGAnswer **EITHER** Question B8 **OR** Question B9.

No more than two religious traditions should be used in answer to any one question.

Each question carries 20 marks.

EITHER**B8 Suffering and Belief**Look at **Figure 1** below.**Figure 1**

- Explain, using examples, the difference between suffering caused by natural disasters and suffering caused by human action. *(6 marks)*
- Explain the evidence some people use to try to prove the existence of God. *(9 marks)*
- “If God existed there would be no suffering.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

OR

B9 Life after Death

Look at **Figure 2** below.



Figure 2

- (a) Explain the reasons why some religious people believe in life after death. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain how belief in life after death might influence the way religious people live their lives. *(9 marks)*
- (c) “There are too many problems in this life to worry about what happens after death.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. *(5 marks)*

SECTION C LIFE ISSUES

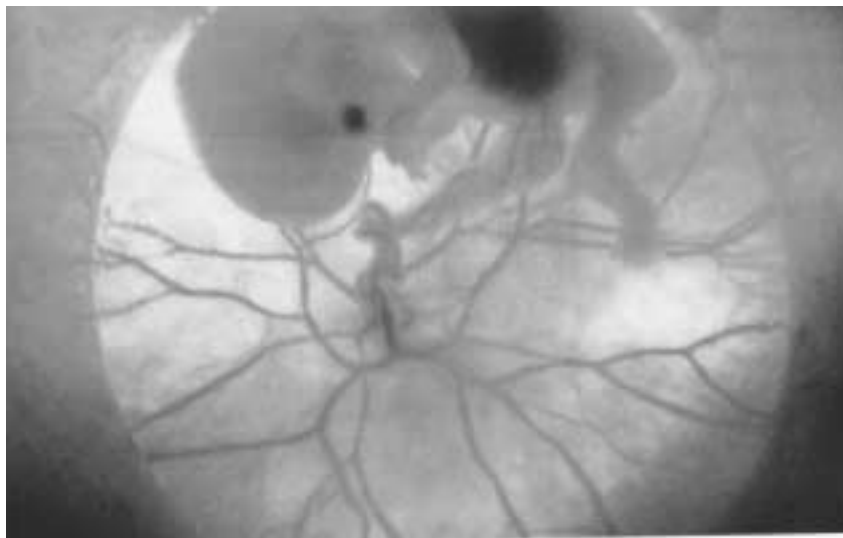
Answer **EITHER** Question C10 **OR** Question C11.

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EITHER**C10 Abortion**

Look at **Photograph A** below.



Photograph A A human embryo, 7 to 8 weeks old

- (a) Abortion is legal in Britain if certain conditions are met. Describe **three** of these conditions. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain how religious beliefs and teachings might influence believers in their attitude towards abortion. *(9 marks)*
- (c) “The parents and the unborn child should have **equal rights** concerning abortion.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. *(5 marks)*

OR

C11 Prejudice and War

Look at **Figure 3** below.



Source: Imperial War Museum, London

Figure 3 An army-recruiting poster from the First World War, 1914 to 1918

- (a) Why might religious people try to stop prejudice? *(6 marks)*
- (b) How might the teachings of the religion(s) you have studied influence the decision of believers who have been called to fight for their country? *(9 marks)*
- (c) "Religious prejudice is the greatest cause of war."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

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SECTION D PLANET EARTH

Answer **EITHER** Question D12 **OR** Question D13.

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EITHER**D12 Planet Earth**

Look at **Figure 4** below.

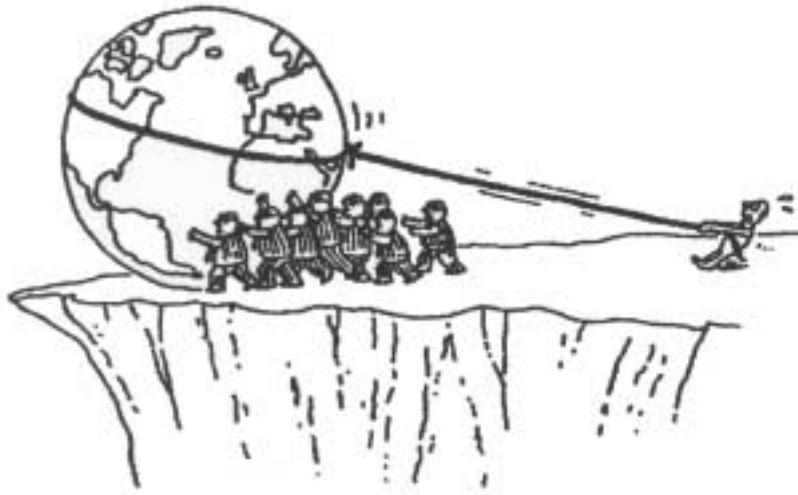


Figure 4

- (a) Explain **one** religious view about how the world began and developed. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain how religious beliefs and teachings might influence believers in their attitude towards protecting the world. *(9 marks)*
- (c) “It’s more important to enjoy life than to worry about using up the world’s resources.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. *(5 marks)*

OR

D13 Human Attitudes to Animals

Look at **Photograph B** below.



Photograph B Battery hens

- (a) Explain why some religious people are vegetarians and others eat meat. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain how religious beliefs and teachings might influence believers in their treatment of animals. Give examples. *(9 marks)*
- (c) “People are far more important than animals.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. *(5 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS