

## *Teacher Resource Bank*

# **GCSE Religious Studies (Specification A)**

## Additional Specimen Questions:

### Unit 9 *Islam: Ethics*

- The Environment



## PART B

There are 24 marks for each question.

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### B The Environment

(a)(i) What is meant by recycling? (2 marks)

(a)(ii) Explain **two** reasons why people should recycle. (4 marks)

(b) 'The earth's resources are here to be used.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Islam in your answer. (6 marks)

(c) Explain Muslim teachings about care of the planet. (6 marks)

(d) 'Animals are entitled to the same rights as humans.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Islam in your answer. (6 marks)



**General Certificate of Secondary Education**

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**Unit 9**      *Islam: Ethics*

**Additional SPECIMEN Mark Scheme**  
**The Environment**

*June series*

## **B The Environment**

### **(a)(i) What is meant by recycling?**

#### **Target: Knowledge of recycling**

Candidates may include some of the following points:

Finding ways of reusing objects that people have finished with / not throwing objects away that could be reused.

Candidates may give specific examples of recycling / not putting rubbish into landfill sites.

**(2 marks) AO1**

### **(a)(ii) Explain two reasons why people should recycle.**

#### **Target: Knowledge and understanding of the reasons for recycling**

Candidates may include some of the following points:

The earth has limited resources / if people don't recycle the earth's resources will get used up / Islamic teaching of stewardship (Khalifa(h)) / the planet will be overwhelmed by rubbish if people don't recycle / pollution is a danger if people don't recycle / humans will destroy themselves with environmental problems if they don't recycle / Muslims are taught not to destroy or abuse Allah's created world so recycling is the natural answer / concern for our carbon footprint.

**(4 marks) AO1**

**(b) 'The earth's resources are here to be used.'**

**Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Islam in your answer.**

**Target: Evaluation of Muslim attitudes to the environment**

Level	Criteria	Marks	Quality of Written Communication
<b>0</b>	Unsupported opinion or no relevant evaluation.	0 marks	The candidate's presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar seriously obstruct understanding.
<b>Level 1</b>	Opinion supported by simple reason.	1 mark	The candidate presents some relevant information in a simple form. The text produced is usually legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar allow meaning to be derived, although errors are sometimes obstructive.
<b>Level 2</b>	Opinion supported by one developed reason or two simple reasons.	2 marks	
<b>Level 3</b>	Opinion supported by one well developed reason or several simple reasons. <b>N.B. Candidates who make no religious comment should not achieve more than Level 3.</b>	3 marks	The candidate presents relevant information in a way which assists with the communication of meaning. The text produced is legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently accurate not to obscure meaning.
<b>Level 4</b>	Opinion supported by two developed reasons with reference to religion.	4 marks	
<b>Level 5</b>	Evidence of reasoned consideration of two different points of view, showing informed insights and knowledge and understanding of religion.	5 marks	The candidate presents relevant information coherently, employing structure and style to render meaning clear. The text produced is legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently accurate to render meaning clear.
<b>Level 6</b>	A well-argued response, with evidence of reasoned consideration of two different points of view showing informed insights and ability to apply knowledge and understanding of religion effectively.	6 marks	

Candidates may include some of the following points:

**Agree**

The Qur'an says that Allah provided the earth, its animals and plants, etc. for human use / it is obvious that people have to use the earth's resources, people haven't got anything else / humans are the most important life form so they have a right to use everything they need.

**Other views**

People can use some of the earth's resources but it has to be responsibly / if people use everything up people will destroy themselves / other life forms have a right to exist / Allah loaned us the planet to use responsibly / people have to replace what they use / animals have as much right to exist as people / the planet is Allah's creation and must be treated with respect, not abused or destroyed / sustainable living.

**(6 marks) AO2**

**(c) Explain Muslim teachings about care of the planet.**

**Target: Knowledge and understanding of the Muslim teachings of stewardship (Khalifa(h))**

<b>Levels</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Marks</b>
<b>0</b>	Nothing relevant or worthy of credit.	0 marks
<b>Level 1</b>	Something relevant or worthy of credit.	1 mark
<b>Level 2</b>	Elementary knowledge and understanding, e.g. two simple points.	2 marks
<b>Level 3</b>	Sound knowledge and understanding.	3 marks
<b>Level 4</b>	A clear knowledge and understanding with some development and / or analysis.	4 marks
<b>Level 5</b>	A detailed answer with some development and / or analysis.	5 marks
<b>Level 6</b>	A full and coherent answer showing good development and / or analysis.	6 marks

Candidates may include some of the following points:

Allah created everything in existence / humans do not own the planet / humans have been loaned the earth to use / humans are caretakers of the planet, they must return it to Allah in the same condition / reference to the teaching of stewardship (Khalifa(h)) / people cannot destroy Allah's creation / people should not waste or abuse any of Allah's creation / on the Last Day Allah will judge people on the way they treated the planet / specific teachings and examples about care of animals, pollution and other specific environmental issues.

**(6 marks) AO1**

**(d) 'Animals are entitled to the same rights as humans.'**

**Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Islam in your answer.**

**Target: Evaluation of the attitude of Muslims to the treatment of animals**

Level	Criteria	Marks	Quality of Written Communication
<b>0</b>	Unsupported opinion or no relevant evaluation.	0 marks	The candidate's presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar seriously obstruct understanding.
<b>Level 1</b>	Opinion supported by simple reason.	1 mark	The candidate presents some relevant information in a simple form. The text produced is usually legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar allow meaning to be derived, although errors are sometimes obstructive.
<b>Level 2</b>	Opinion supported by one developed reason or two simple reasons.	2 marks	
<b>Level 3</b>	Opinion supported by one well developed reason or several simple reasons. <b>N.B. Candidates who make no religious comment should not achieve more than Level 3.</b>	3 marks	The candidate presents relevant information in a way which assists with the communication of meaning. The text produced is legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently accurate not to obscure meaning.
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<b>Level 5</b>	Evidence of reasoned consideration of two different points of view, showing informed insights and knowledge and understanding of religion.	5 marks	The candidate presents relevant information coherently, employing structure and style to render meaning clear. The text produced is legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently accurate to render meaning clear.
<b>Level 6</b>	A well-argued response, with evidence of reasoned consideration of two different points of view showing informed insights and ability to apply knowledge and understanding of religion effectively.	6 marks	

Candidates may include some of the following points:

**Agree**

Animals and humans are all part of Allah's created world / the Qur'an teaches that animals have feelings / Muhammad taught that animals should be treated humanely / teachings of stewardship (Khalifa(h)) show Muslims they must respect animal life.

**Other views**

Qur'an teaches that humans are the high point of Allah's creation, not animals / Allah provided animals for humans to use / animals can be eaten or used in any way that assists humans, e.g. medical research / it is impossible to give animals exactly the same rights as people / animals do not have the same intelligence as humans / Islam teaches that humans have souls and eternal life, animals do not.

**(6 marks) AO2**