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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 11 June 2004 1.30 pm to 3.15 pm

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| <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.
- You are advised not to 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.

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) What is Dukkha? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What is Nibbana (Nirvana)? *(1 mark)*
- (c) What are the Tipitaka (Tripitaka)? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Give **two** parts of the Eightfold Path. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Briefly explain how a Buddhist keeps **one** of the Five Moral Precepts. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** types of meditation used in Buddhism. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain why Siddattha Gotama decided to leave his life of luxury. *(5 marks)*
- (h) “All life is suffering.”

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

A2 Christianity

- (a) In which country did Christianity begin? *(1 mark)*
- (b) Who baptised Jesus in the River Jordan? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Christians often describe God as the Sustainer. What does this mean? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Who discovered the empty tomb on Easter Sunday morning? *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** things that Zacchaeus promised after Jesus went to his house. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** ways the Bible is used by Christians. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain the importance of the Resurrection of Jesus for Christians today. *(5 marks)*
- (h) “Holy Communion is the most important form of Christian worship.”

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 name is given to the eternal self (soul) that is part of every living body? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What is Samsara? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Name the goddess of love, beauty and wealth. *(1 mark)*
- (d) Name **two** of the Hindu scriptures. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Briefly explain the importance of Karma. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** things Hindus believe about Shiva. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain why Hindus meditate. *(5 marks)*
- (h) “The idea of Ahimsa (non-violence) is good, but not practical in today’s violent world.”

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 is Zakah (Zakat)? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What is meant by Tawhid? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Give **one** reason why Muhammad is known as ‘The Seal of the Prophets.’ *(1 mark)*
- (d) Some groups of Muslims are excused from fasting during Ramadan. Give **one** example and explain why they do not have to fast. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** Muslim beliefs about Paradise (Heaven). *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** reasons why the Qur’an is important to Muslims. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain how Muslims perform Salah (prayer). *(5 marks)*
- (h) “The Shahadah (Declaration of Faith) is the most important pillar of Islam.”

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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A5 Judaism

- (a) Name the Jewish leader who received the Ten Commandments from God. *(1 mark)*
- (b) Which prayer begins with the words, “Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God”? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Which day brings to an end the ten days of penitence (repentance)? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Briefly explain why David was an important Jewish king. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** of the three parts of the Tenakh. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Describe **three** practices observed during Rosh Hashanah. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain why Jews believe that Shabbat (the Sabbath day) is important. *(5 marks)*
- (h) “The Kashrut (food laws) are not important for Jews today.”

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) What was formed at Baisakhi in 1699? *(1 mark)*
- (b) Which Sikh prayer begins, “There is one God, His name is Truth”? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Who was the first Sikh Guru to be killed for his beliefs? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Give **two** of the Kurahit (prohibitions) which Sikhs should observe. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** reasons why the langar is important. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **one** of the 5Ks and explain its symbolic meaning. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain the importance of the gurdwara for Sikhs. *(5 marks)*
- (h) “The Guru Granth Sahib is the most important of the Sikh Gurus.”

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

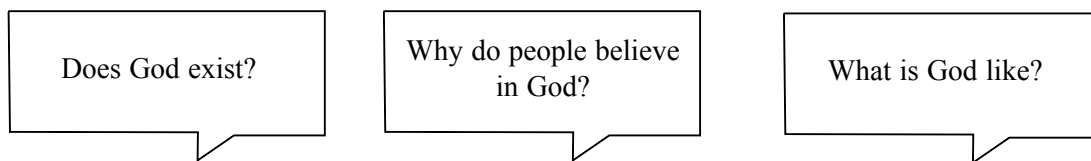
A7 Christian Ethics: Attitudes to Love and Forgiveness

- (a) In Matthew 18, who asked Jesus how many times he should forgive his brother? *(1 mark)*
- (b) In Matthew 9, some people brought a paralysed man to Jesus. What were the first words Jesus said to him? *(1 mark)*
- (c) When Jesus was being crucified, what did he say about forgiveness? *(1 mark)*
- (d) In the Parable of the Good Samaritan which **two** travellers did **not** help the wounded man? *(2 marks)*
- (e) What is the difference between Agape and Philia love? *(2 marks)*
- (f) From the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Lost Son), give **three** examples of what the father did to show that he had forgiven his youngest son. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain how having a Christian faith might help a believer to make decisions about moral issues. *(5 marks)*
- (h) “Jesus taught that Christians should love their enemies; that is impossible!”
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 The Existence of God**Look at **Figure 1**.

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Figure 1

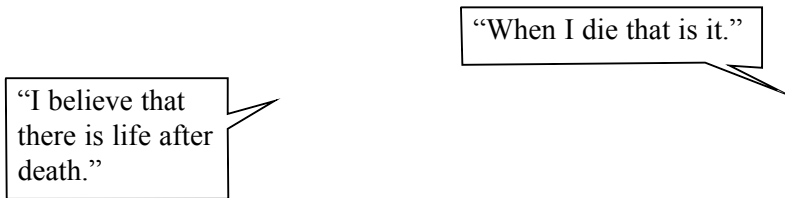
- (a) Explain why some people find it hard to believe in God. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain the reasons some people give for believing in God. *(9 marks)*
- (c) “It is impossible to describe God.”

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

OR

B9 Suffering and Life after Death

Look at **Figure 2**.



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Figure 2

- (a) Explain why some religious people say that suffering may sometimes be a valuable experience. *(6 marks)*
- (b) How would religious people explain why belief in life after death is important? *(9 marks)*
- (c) "Death is the end. There is no life 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)*

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SECTION C LIFE ISSUES

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

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EITHER**C10 War and Prejudice**

Look at **Figure 3**.



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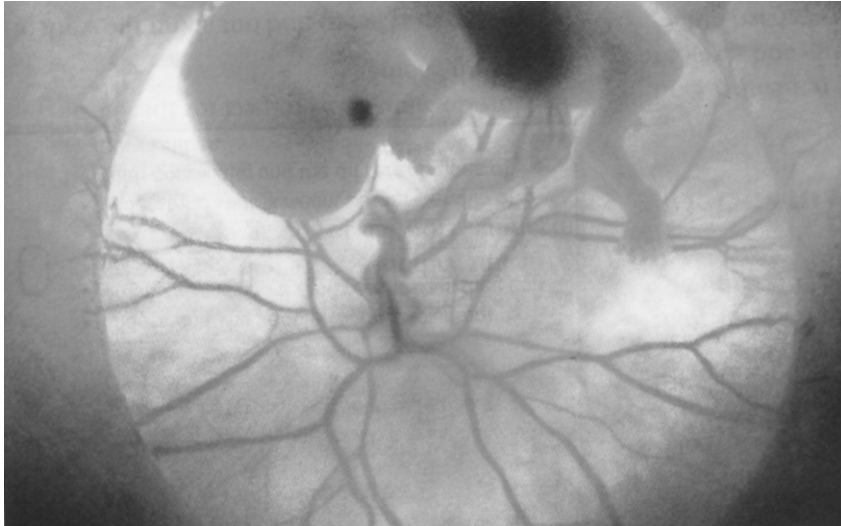
- (a) Explain why religious beliefs might lead people to campaign for peace. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain how some religious people can justify going to war. *(9 marks)*
- (c) “Most wars are caused by prejudice.”

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 Abortion

Look at the photograph below.



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A human embryo, 7 to 8 weeks old

- (a) Explain, using examples, how some women are discriminated against in the world today. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain why some religious people are against abortion. *(9 marks)*
- (c) “A woman should have an abortion if she knows that her baby will have a poor quality of life.”

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)*

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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**.

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Figure 4

- (a) Explain how human actions are damaging the Earth's environment. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain how religious people think the environment should be treated.
Use religious teachings and beliefs in your answer. *(9 marks)*
- (c) "The Earth is ours; we can do what we want with it."

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 **Figure 5**.

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Figure 5

- (a) Explain the views held by religious people about the use of animals for food. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain the attitudes of religious people towards experimenting on animals. Use religious teachings and beliefs in your answer. *(9 marks)*
- (c) "Fox hunting and bull-fighting should be stopped."

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

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