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

Tuesday 14 June 2005 1.30 pm to 3.15 pm

In addition to this paper you will require:

- a 12-page answer book.

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 this 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.

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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.

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**A1 Buddhism**

- (a) Where was Siddattha Gotama born? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What is the Dhamma? *(1 mark)*
- (c) What is Enlightenment? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Explain **one** of the parts of the Eightfold Path. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Name **two** of the Three Marks of Existence. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** of the four sights seen by Siddattha Gotama while riding in his chariot. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain the importance for worship of objects that may be seen at a Buddhist shrine. *(5 marks)*
- (h) 'It is impossible to stop wanting things and being selfish.'

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) Which book do Christians call 'the word of God'? *(1 mark)*
- (b) Who was the mother of Jesus? *(1 mark)*
- (c) What event in the life of Jesus do Christians remember on Good Friday? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Explain why Jesus told a rich young ruler to give all his money to the poor. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Explain what is meant by the term salvation. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** reasons why the early Christians were convinced that Jesus had risen from the dead. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain Christian beliefs about God. *(5 marks)*
- (h) 'Christians need to go to church to worship God.'

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 Yoga? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What are the Vedas? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Which god played naughty tricks on people when he was a child? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Vishnu is believed to have appeared on Earth as ten avatars (incarnations). Name **two** of them. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** things Hindus believe about Kali. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Name **three** of the four aims of life in Hinduism. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain Hindu beliefs about Karma and Samsara. *(5 marks)*
- (h) 'Hindus have shrines in their homes so they do not need temples.'

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) Which prophet received the Qur'an? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What does the word Qur'an mean? *(1 mark)*
- (c) What is the Shahadah? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Briefly describe **two** Muslim beliefs about what will happen on the Day of Judgement. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** religious reasons why Muslims visit Makkah (Mecca). *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** groups of people who do **not** have to fast during Ramadan. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain Muslim beliefs about the giving of zakah. *(5 marks)*
- (h) 'Pilgrimage is a Muslim's most important duty.'

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) What is the Shema? *(1 mark)*
- (b) Who asked the Egyptian Pharaoh to release the Jewish slaves? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Name the shepherd boy who defeated Goliath and became a king. *(1 mark)*
- (d) Explain what is meant by the Covenant. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** ways Jews show respect for the Torah. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** special things that Jews do to celebrate Rosh Hashanah (New Year). *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain the Jewish food laws. *(5 marks)*
- (h) 'There is a need for Shabbat (Sabbath) in today's world.'

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 does the word Sikh mean? *(1 mark)*
- (b) Which Guru began the langar (community kitchen)? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Which child Guru died from smallpox? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Briefly describe **two** Sikh beliefs about God. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** reasons why Sikhs show respect for the Guru Granth Sahib. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** things that happened at Baisakhi in 1699. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain the importance of the Gurdwara. *(5 marks)*
- (h) 'Wearing the 5Ks is difficult for Sikhs in today's world.'

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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**A7 Christian Ethics: Attitudes to Love and Forgiveness**

- (a) How was Jesus put to death? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What did Jesus say to the people who wanted to stone a woman who had committed adultery? *(1 mark)*
- (c) In 1 Corinthians 13 who wrote, “Love is eternal”? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Give **two** examples of where Christians may look for religious guidance. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Name **two** types of love found in the New Testament. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** things that Christians ask for when saying the Lord’s Prayer. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain what the Parable of the Prodigal (Lost) Son teaches Christians about love and forgiveness. *(5 marks)*
- (h) ‘It is impossible to forgive those who have hurt your family.’

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

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**SECTION B QUESTIONS OF MEANING**

Answer **EITHER** Question B8 **OR** Question B9.

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

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**EITHER****B8 Suffering and Religious Beliefs**

Look at **Photograph A**.

**Photograph A** The effects of a natural disaster

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- (a) Explain how natural disasters cause people to suffer. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain how religious teachings and beliefs may affect a believer's attitudes to suffering. *(9 marks)*
- (c) 'God should have made a world without pain and suffering.'

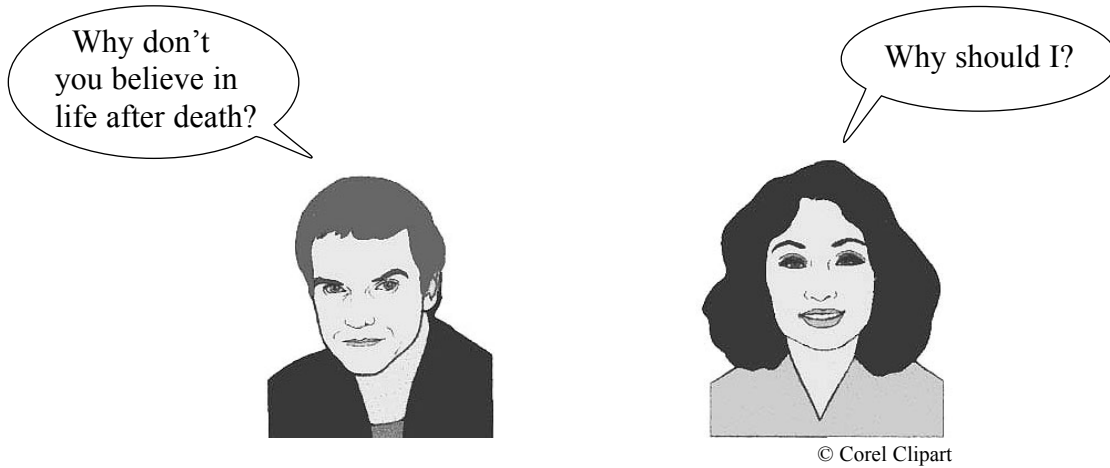
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

OR

**B9 Life after Death**

Look at **Figure 1**.

**Figure 1**



- (a) Explain why some people find it hard to believe in life after death. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain how beliefs about life after death may affect the way religious people live. *(9 marks)*
- (c) 'God should send someone back from the dead to prove that there is life after death.'

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 C LIFE ISSUES**

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

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**EITHER****C10 Prejudice**

Look at **Figure 2**.

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**Prejudice:** unfairly judging someone without knowing them. Prejudice can lead to discrimination.

- (a) Explain, with examples, **three** different types of prejudice. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain how religious teachings may help to reduce prejudice. *(9 marks)*
- (c) ‘The main cause of prejudice is fear.’

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)*



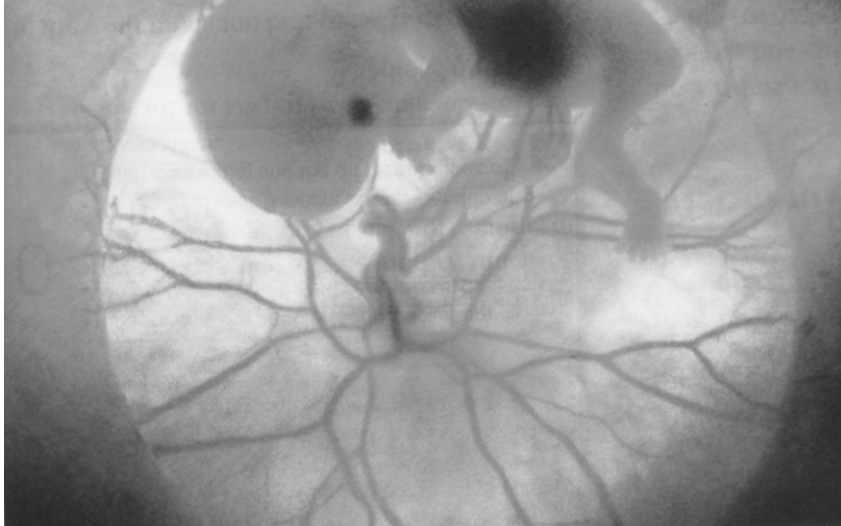
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**OR**

**C11 Abortion**

Look at **Photograph B**.

**Photograph B** A human embryo, 7 to 8 weeks old



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- (a) Explain **three** situations in which an abortion is legal in Britain. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain how religious teachings and beliefs may influence a believer who is considering an abortion. *(9 marks)*
- (c) 'Having an abortion ignores the rights of the unborn child.'

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 Creation and Animal Rights**

Look at **Figure 3**.

**Figure 3**



- (a) Describe **one** religious creation story. *(5 marks)*
- (b) Using religious teachings and beliefs, explain the attitudes of religious people towards
- (i) factory farming, **and**
  - (ii) hunting and blood sports. *(10 marks)*
- (c) ‘Animals should not be kept in zoos.’

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 Planet Earth**

Look at **Figure 4**.

**Figure 4**

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- (a) Describe the problems that may be caused by over-using the Earth's natural resources. *(5 marks)*
- (b) Using religious teachings and beliefs, explain the attitudes of religious people towards
- (i) pollution, **and**
  - (ii) recycling and conservation. *(10 marks)*
- (c) 'People will never change the way they live in order to protect the planet.'

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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