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RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B) (SHORT COURSE)
Unit 4 Truth, Spirituality and Contemporary Issues

Wednesday 22 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 the paper is AQA. The Paper Reference is 30604.
- Answer **four** questions.
In Section A answer **Question A1**.
In Section B answer **any three** questions from **Questions B2 to B7**.
- 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 three 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 TRUTH AND SPIRITUALITY

This question carries 20 marks.

A1 Truth and Spirituality

- (a) Look at **Figure 1**.



Figure 1

- Choose **two** of the words from **Figure 1**. For **each** word chosen, explain what it means and give an example to support your answer. *(4 marks)*
- (b) Explain, using an example, what is meant by ‘a feeling of awe and wonder’. *(2 marks)*
- (c) Explain the difference between moral truth and historical truth. *(3 marks)*
- (d) Look at **Figure 2**.



Figure 2

- Explain why a religious believer may support the work of a voluntary organisation. Refer to **one** religious tradition in your answer. *(3 marks)*
- (e) How might being a member of a faith community help a person? Refer to a **different** religious tradition from the one used in part (d). *(3 marks)*
- (f) “Religion has the answers to the most important questions in life.”

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

SECTION B RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Answer **three** questions.

Knowledge of **two** religious traditions is required.

Each question carries 20 marks.

B2 Matters of Life

- (a) What is meant by
- (i) artificial insemination by husband (AIH); and
 - (ii) surrogacy? *(4 marks)*
- (b) Explain the possible implications for children who know they were conceived by artificial methods. *(3 marks)*
- (c) Explain how religious beliefs and teachings might help a believer to decide whether to agree to the use of blood transfusion and transplant surgery. Refer to **two** religious traditions in your answer. *(8 marks)*
- (d) “Research into human cloning should be encouraged.”

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)*

B3 The Elderly and Matters of Death

- (a) Explain different ways of caring for the elderly. *(4 marks)*
- (b) Briefly describe the work of a hospice. *(3 marks)*
- (c) Explain how religious beliefs and teachings might affect a believer’s attitude towards the use of euthanasia. Refer to **two** religious traditions in your answer. *(8 marks)*
- (d) “Religion provides comfort for the dying.”

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

Questions B4 to B7 are given on pages 4 and 5

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B4 Drug Abuse

- (a) What are the possible consequences of using drugs to enhance performance in sport? *(4 marks)*
- (b) Explain, using examples, the difference between a Class 'A' drug and a Class 'C' drug. *(3 marks)*
- (c) Explain how religious beliefs and teachings might help a believer to decide **not** to take illegal drugs. Refer to **two** religious traditions in your answer. *(8 marks)*
- (d) "Religious believers should not use any drugs."

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

B5 Media and Technology

- (a) Describe, using examples, the different ways religion is shown on television. *(4 marks)*
- (b) Explain why some people might complain about the content of some media advertising. *(3 marks)*
- (c) Explain how religious beliefs and teachings might help a believer to decide whether to watch a violent film. Refer to **two** religious traditions in your answer. *(8 marks)*
- (d) "The internet is the most harmful influence on young people today."

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)*

B6 Crime and Punishment

- (a) Explain, using examples, what is meant by
- (i) a crime against the person; and
 - (ii) a religious offence. *(4 marks)*
- (b) Give **three** ways in which a young offender may be punished by the law. *(3 marks)*
- (c) Explain how religious beliefs and teachings might affect a believer's attitude to the **aims** of punishing criminals. Refer to **two** religious traditions in your answer. *(8 marks)*
- (d) "A life sentence should mean imprisonment for 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)*

B7 Rich and Poor in Society

- (a) Explain different reasons why a person might be poor. *(4 marks)*
- (b) Explain how the state (government) can help the poor. *(3 marks)*
- (c) Explain how religious beliefs and teachings might help a rich person to decide how to use their wealth. Refer to **two** religious traditions in your answer. *(8 marks)*
- (d) "People who are unemployed should have to work by helping in the community."

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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