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

Friday 26 May 2006 9.00 am to 10.45 am

For this paper you must have:

- 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.
Three of the marks will be awarded for the Quality of Written Communication.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- 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) Give **one** example from the birth stories that shows Siddattha Gotama was special. *(1 mark)*
- (b) What are the Tipitaka? *(1 mark)*
- (c) What is a mantra? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Give **two** reasons why Buddhists use aids to worship. *(2 marks)*
- (e) One of the Three Refuges is the Buddha. Name the other **two** Refuges. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** of the Four Noble Truths. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain why Buddhists meditate. *(5 marks)*
- (h) ‘The Buddha’s teachings are not relevant to life in the 21st century.’

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) Give **one** example from the birth stories that shows Jesus was special. *(1 mark)*
- (b) Who tempted Jesus three times in the wilderness? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Which event in the life of Jesus took place on Easter Sunday? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Explain what is meant by eternal life. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** things that Zacchaeus promised to do after Jesus visited his house. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** Christian beliefs about God. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain the importance of worship for Christians. *(5 marks)*
- (h) ‘The Resurrection of Jesus must have happened because millions of Christians believe it.’

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 Ultimate Reality? *(1 mark)*
- (b) Name the Hindu scripture which tells the story of Rama and Sita. *(1 mark)*
- (c) What is Atman? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Give **two** things Hindus believe about Lakshmi. *(2 marks)*
- (e) What are the **two types** of scripture in Hinduism? *(2 marks)*
- (f) Name the **three** gods of the Trimurti (Triad of Gods). *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain the importance of worship for Hindus. *(5 marks)*
- (h) ‘The only important thing in life for a Hindu is to gain good karma.’

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 term describes the oneness of Allah? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What is meant by risallah? *(1 mark)*
- (c) What is wudu? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Give the **two** main beliefs that make up the Shahadah. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** groups of Muslims who are excused from making the pilgrimage to Makkah (Mecca). *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** things Muslims believe about heaven and hell. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain the importance of Sawm (fasting) for Muslims. *(5 marks)*
- (h) ‘Following the example of Muhammad is the most important duty for a Muslim.’

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) Who led the Jews out of slavery in Egypt? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What is the Torah? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Give **one** reason why Abraham is important in Judaism. *(1 mark)*
- (d) When does Shabbat begin and end? *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** of the Kashrut rules. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** things that Jews believe about God. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain the importance of Rosh Hashanah **and** Yom Kippur for Jews. *(5 marks)*
- (h) ‘Shabbat is best celebrated at home.’

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 founder of Sikhism. *(1 mark)*
- (b) Which Sikh prayer begins, “There is one God, His name is Truth”? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Give **one** of the Kurahit (Prohibitions) which Khalsa Sikhs should obey. *(1 mark)*
- (d) Why do Sikhs perform sewa? *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** reasons why Sikhs wear a turban. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Explain why many Sikhs wear a kara. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain how the Guru Granth Sahib might help Sikhs in their daily lives. *(5 marks)*
- (h) ‘Sikhs do not need a special building for 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 Jesus' parable, who helped the wounded man who had been left beside the road? *(1 mark)*
- (b) Who mocked Jesus when he was on the cross? *(1 mark)*
- (c) What does Jesus say is the first commandment (Mark 12 29-30)? *(1 mark)*
- (d) What is the difference between Eros and Storge love? *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** things that happened to the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18 21-35). *(2 marks)*
- (f) What **three** things did Paul say will remain forever (1 Corinthians 13 13)? *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain how Jesus' teachings about forgiveness might help Christians in their daily lives. *(5 marks)*
- (h) 'Using your conscience is the best way to make the right decisions.'

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

Each question carries 20 marks.

EITHER**B8 Suffering**

Look at **Photograph A**.

Photograph A



- (a) Explain, using examples, how humans cause suffering in the world. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain how religious beliefs and teachings might help a believer to respond to suffering. Refer to religious teachings in your answer. Use examples in your answer. *(9 marks)*
- (c) ‘Suffering proves that God does not exist.’

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

OR

B9 Religious Experience and Life After Death

Look at **Photograph B**.

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- (a) Explain how arguments from **design** attempt to prove the existence of God. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Many people have religious experiences. Explain how these experiences might affect a person's beliefs and way of life. Use examples in your answer. *(9 marks)*
- (c) 'There must be 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.

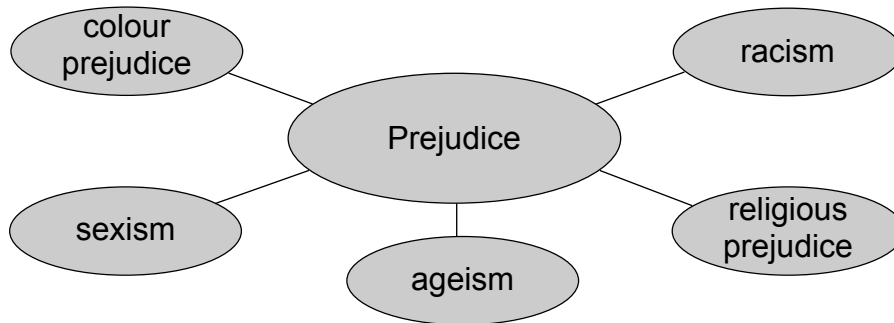
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EITHER**C10 Prejudice**

Look at **Figure 1**.

Figure 1



- (a) Explain **three** reasons why some people are prejudiced. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain how religious teachings and beliefs might affect attitudes to sexism and racism. *(9 marks)*
- (c) ‘Religion is the greatest cause of prejudice.’

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

OR

C11 War and Peace

Look at **Figure 2**, which shows a drawing of a battle and a drawing of the dove of peace.

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- (a) Explain **three** reasons why wars take place. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain how religious teachings and beliefs might help a believer to decide whether or not to fight in a war. *(9 marks)*
- (c) ‘Wars do not solve problems; they only create them.’

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

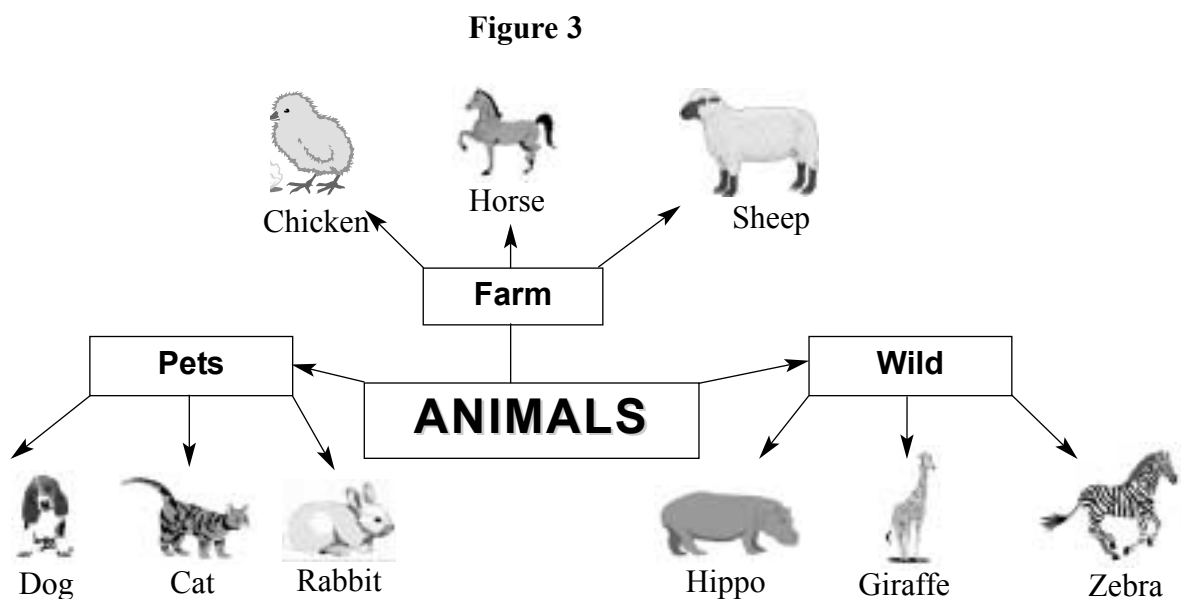
Answer **EITHER** Question D12 **OR** Question D13.

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D12 Human Attitudes to Animals

Look at **Figure 3**.



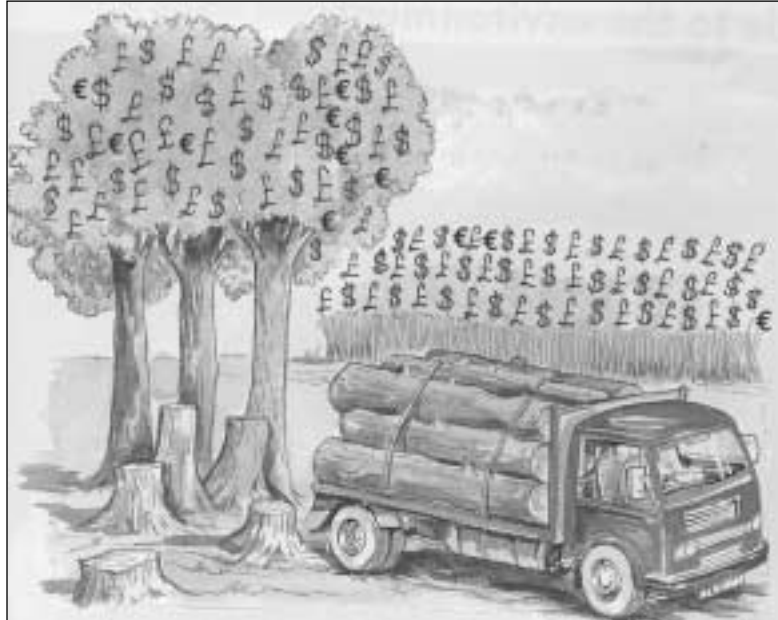
- (a) Explain how animals are sometimes treated badly by people. (5 marks)
- (b) Explain the religious teachings that encourage believers to treat animals with respect. (5 marks)
- (c) Explain what a believer might do to help improve the way animals are treated. (5 marks)
- (d) ‘Animals are not as important as humans.’

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)

D13 Destruction of Natural Habitat

Look at **Figure 4**.

Figure 4



- (a) Explain some of the problems that are being caused by deforestation. *(5 marks)*
- (b) Explain the religious teachings that encourage believers to treat the environment with respect. *(5 marks)*
- (c) Explain what a believer might do to help improve the environment. *(5 marks)*
- (d) ‘Greed and selfishness are the main reasons why the environment is being destroyed.’

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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