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RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B) (SHORT COURSE)
Unit 3 Faith Studies and Ethics in Two Religions

Thursday 17 May 2007 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 30603.
- Answer **four** questions.
Section A Answer Question A1.
Section B Answer **either** Question B2 **or** Question B3.
Answer **either** Question B4 **or** Question B5.
Answer **either** Question B6 **or** Question B7.
- Answer questions **only** in relation to **each** of the **two** religions you have studied.
- Write the names of these **two** religions on the front of your answer book.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 83.
- Three of these marks will be awarded for the Quality of Written Communication.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

Write the names of the **two** religions you have studied at the start of your answer book.

Answer **only** in relation to **each** of the **two** religions you have studied.

SECTION A

Answer **all** parts of Question A1.

There are 20 marks for this question.

A1 Worship

Look at the religious symbols below.



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- (a) (i) For **each** of the **two** religions you have studied, name a religious symbol. *(2 marks)*
- (ii) Briefly explain the meaning of **each** of the **two** symbols you have chosen. *(2 marks)*
- (b) Explain how religious believers use holy books in their worship. *(4 marks)*
- (c) Offerings of food, money or flowers are often given as part of worship. Why do many religious believers think it is important to do this? *(3 marks)*
- (d) Explain the advantages of having a special day for worship. *(4 marks)*
- (e) ‘Religious leaders give more help to believers than holy books do.’

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

Answer **either** Question B2 **or** Question B3.

There are 20 marks for each question.

EITHER**B2 Animals and Protest**

Look at the protest banner below.



- (a) Religious believers might decide to protest against hunting.
- (i) Write **one** religious statement they might have on a banner in their protest. *(1 mark)*
 - (ii) Explain why some religious believers might want to protest against hunting. *(4 marks)*
- (b) Explain the beliefs and teachings about animals in **each** of the **two** religions you have studied. *(6 marks)*
- (c) Explain why some religious believers agree with the use of live animals in laboratory experiments. *(4 marks)*
- (d) 'Religious believers can only carry out their duty to care for animals if they stop eating them.'

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

Do **not** answer Question B3 if you have answered Question B2.

OR

B3 The Environment and Protest

Look at the newspaper headline below.

Natural habitats destroyed as forests are cut down

- (a) Religious believers might decide to protest against the destruction of a natural habitat.
- (i) Write **one** religious statement they might have on a banner in their protest. *(1 mark)*
 - (ii) Explain why some religious believers might be concerned about the destruction of natural habitats. *(4 marks)*
- (b) Explain the beliefs and teachings about the environment in **each** of the **two** religions you have studied. *(6 marks)*
- (c) Explain why some religious believers support pressure groups which try to protect the environment. *(4 marks)*
- (d) ‘Religious believers should never take part in violent protest.’

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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Answer **either** Question B4 **or** Question B5.

There are 20 marks for each question.

EITHER

B4 Prejudice and Ageism

Look at the photographs below.



- (a) Explain what is meant by ‘ageism’. *(2 marks)*
- (b) Give **two** ways in which some people show their prejudice against young people. *(2 marks)*
- (c) Explain reasons why some people might become prejudiced. *(3 marks)*
- (d) Explain attitudes to prejudice and discrimination in **each** of the **two** religions you have studied. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. *(8 marks)*
- (e) ‘Old people’s opinions are not worth listening to.’

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)*

Do **not** answer Question B5 if you have answered Question B4.

OR

B5 Prejudice and Women

Look at the photographs below.

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- (a) Explain what is meant by 'sexism'. *(2 marks)*
- (b) Give **two** reasons why some people become prejudiced. *(2 marks)*
- (c) Explain how religious people might try to end prejudice and discrimination. *(3 marks)*
- (d) Explain attitudes to women in **each** of the **two** religions you have studied. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. *(8 marks)*
- (e) 'Men should have more important roles in religion than women.'

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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Answer **either** Question B6 **or** Question B7.

There are 20 marks for each question.

EITHER

B6 Human Relationships

- (a) Describe a birth or initiation ceremony in **each** of the **two** religions you have studied. *(8 marks)*
- (b) Explain why some religious people choose not to have sexual relationships. *(3 marks)*
- (c) Explain how being religious might guide a person's choices about contraception. *(4 marks)*
- (d) 'Religious people should never agree with abortions.'

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

B7 Marriage and Family Life

- (a) Describe a wedding ceremony in **each** of the **two** religions you have studied. *(8 marks)*
- (b) Explain how being religious might guide a married person who is thinking about having sex outside of marriage (an affair). *(4 marks)*
- (c) Explain why many religious people choose to have children. *(3 marks)*
- (d) 'Parents should choose the religion that their children follow.'

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

END OF QUESTIONS

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