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RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B) 30604
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B)(SHORT COURSE)
Unit 4 Truth, Spirituality and Contemporary Issues

Tuesday 12 June 2007 1.30 pm to 3.15 pm

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 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 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.

Advice

- You are advised not to spend more than 25 minutes on each question.

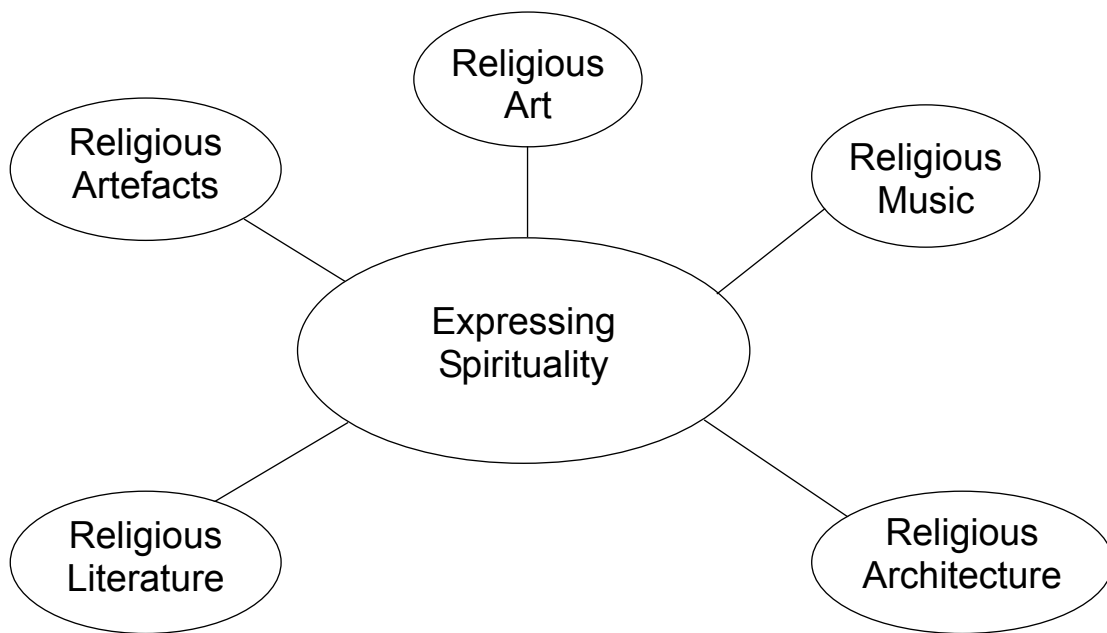
SECTION A TRUTH, SPIRITUALITY AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Answer **Question A1**.

There are 20 marks for this question.

A1 Truth and Spirituality

Look at the diagram below and answer the question that follows.



- (a) Choose any **three** ways of expressing spirituality **from the diagram above**.
Give an example of each. (3 marks)
- (b) Explain the meaning of 'religious experience'. (3 marks)
- (c) Why might a religious person show support for a voluntary organisation? (3 marks)
- (d) Explain why a religious believer may become a member of a faith community. (3 marks)
- (e) Describe what a religious believer might do to feel close to the Divine (God). (3 marks)
- (f) 'Scientific truth is the only truth.'

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)

SECTION B RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Answer **three** questions.

You **must** refer to **two** world religions or **two** Christian denominations in each question.

There are 20 marks for each question.

B2 Religious Attitudes to Matters of Life

- (a) Explain what surrogacy is. *(3 marks)*
- (b) Explain **two** reasons why some religious people believe artificial insemination by donor (AID) is wrong. *(4 marks)*
- (c) Explain religious attitudes to transplant surgery. Refer to the beliefs and teachings from **either two** religions **or two** Christian denominations. *(8 marks)*
- (d) 'God is responsible for our lives because God decided that we should live.'

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

B3 Religious Attitudes to Matters of Death

- (a) Describe how a family can help to care for a terminally ill relative. *(3 marks)*
- (b) Explain **two** reasons why many religious people believe that suicide is wrong. *(4 marks)*
- (c) Explain how the beliefs and teachings of **either two** religions **or two** Christian denominations may help a believer to decide whether or not to accept euthanasia. *(8 marks)*
- (d) 'What happens to us after death does not matter.'

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)*

Turn over for Questions B4 to B7

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B4 Religious Attitudes to Drug Abuse

- (a) Explain, giving examples, why some drugs are **illegal**. *(3 marks)*
- (b) Explain **two** reasons why many religious people believe that using drugs to enhance performance in sport is wrong. *(4 marks)*
- (c) Explain religious attitudes towards drinking alcohol. Refer to **either two** religions **or two** Christian denominations in your answer. *(8 marks)*
- (d) 'Tobacco should be made illegal.'

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)*

B5 Religious Attitudes to Media and Technology

- (a) Explain why films are categorised in Britain. *(3 marks)*
- (b) Explain **two** reasons why many religious people are in favour of using the Internet. *(4 marks)*
- (c) Explain how the beliefs and teachings of **either two** religions **or two** Christian denominations discourage believers from looking at pornography. *(8 marks)*
- (d) 'Using television is the best way to spread the word of God.'

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

B6 Religious Attitudes to Crime and Punishment

- (a) Describe **three different** examples of legal punishment. *(3 marks)*
- (b) Explain **two** reasons why some religious people believe that deterrence is an important aim of punishment. *(4 marks)*
- (c) Explain how the beliefs and teachings of **either two** religions **or two** Christian denominations may help a believer to decide whether or not to accept capital punishment (the death penalty). *(8 marks)*
- (d) 'Children who are brought up in a religious environment are less likely to commit crimes.'

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

B7 Religious Attitudes to Rich and Poor in Society

- (a) Explain why some people play 'Lotto' (the National Lottery). *(3 marks)*
- (b) Explain **two** reasons why many religious people believe it is right to work for a living. *(4 marks)*
- (c) Explain how the beliefs and teachings of **either two** religions **or two** Christian denominations encourage people to help the homeless. *(8 marks)*
- (d) 'People should give away money they do not need.'

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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