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Unit 2 Religion and Life Issues

Tuesday 18 May 2010 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black 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 40552.
- Answer **four** questions. Each question has 5 parts.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **four** questions.

There are 18 marks for each question.

Each question has **five** parts. Answer **all** five parts of each question chosen.

Question 1

Religion and Animal Rights

Look at the photographs below.



- 0 1** Give **two** reasons why some religious believers do **not** eat meat. (2 marks)
- 0 2** Explain why some religious people believe that humans are more important than animals. (3 marks)
- 0 3** 'Religious believers should try to prevent species of animals from becoming extinct.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 4** Explain religious attitudes towards hunting animals. (4 marks)
- 0 5** 'It is wrong to experiment on animals.'
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. (6 marks)

Question 2**Religion and Planet Earth**

Look at the photograph below, which shows a conservation project.



- 0 6** Explain why some religious believers support conservation. *(3 marks)*
- 0 7** Give **two** examples of how global warming is damaging the world. *(2 marks)*
- 0 8** 'God created life on earth.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 0 9** Explain religious attitudes to pollution. *(4 marks)*
- 1 0** 'The world's natural resources are for people to use as they wish.'
- 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. *(6 marks)*

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Question 3**Religion and Prejudice**

Look at the definition below.

Prejudice means to judge someone unfairly before the true facts about them are known.

- 1 1** Give **two** causes of racism. *(2 marks)*
- 1 2** Explain why some religious believers might support positive discrimination. *(3 marks)*
- 1 3** 'Religious believers should help victims of prejudice.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 1 4** Describe the work of **one** religious believer who has fought against prejudice. *(4 marks)*
- 1 5** 'Religious prejudice is the worst type of prejudice.'
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. *(6 marks)*

Question 4**Religion and Early Life**

Look at the photograph below.



- 1 6** Give **two** reasons why a woman might choose to have an abortion. *(2 marks)*
- 1 7** Explain why most religious believers see children as a blessing. *(3 marks)*
- 1 8** 'Religious believers should always protect the rights of the unborn child.'
 What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 1 9** Explain religious attitudes to when human life begins. Refer to beliefs and teachings in your answer. *(4 marks)*
- 2 0** 'The law should make it harder to have an abortion.'
 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. *(6 marks)*

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Question 5

Religion, War and Peace

Look at the photograph below.



- 2 | 1** Give **two** ways in which organisations might help victims of war. (2 marks)
- 2 | 2** Describe the work of **one** religious believer who has campaigned for peace. (3 marks)
- 2 | 3** 'No war should be called a 'Holy War'.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 2 | 4** Explain why some religious believers might **not** be prepared to fight in a war. (4 marks)
- 2 | 5** 'It is wrong to have nuclear weapons.'
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. (6 marks)

Question 6**Religion and Young People**

Look at the photograph below.



- 2 6** Give **two** ways schools might help young people to learn about religion. *(2 marks)*
- 2 7** Explain why religious festivals might be important to young people. *(3 marks)*
- 2 8** 'The home is the best place for teaching religion.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 2 9** Explain the importance of birth/initiation ceremonies to religious believers. *(4 marks)*
- 3 0** 'Faith groups should provide more activities for young people.'
- 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. *(6 marks)*

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