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(Short Course)

Unit 3 Religion and Morality

Monday 24 May 2010 9.00 am to 10.30 am

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 40553.
- Answer **four** questions. Each questions 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, to organise information clearly and to 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

Religious Attitudes to Matters of Life (Medical Ethics)

Look at the photograph below.



- 0 1** What is meant by the initials AIH? (1 mark)
- 0 2** Explain briefly **two** reasons why religious believers might agree with the use of fertility treatment. (4 marks)
- 0 3** 'Religious believers should support medical experiments on humans.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 4** Explain religious attitudes towards transplant surgery. (4 marks)
- 0 5** 'Religion tells us all that we need to know about matters of 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. (6 marks)

Question 2

Religious Attitudes to the Elderly and Death

Look at the photograph below.



- 0 6** What is ageism? (1 mark)
- 0 7** Explain briefly **two** reasons why some religious believers think that the elderly should be cared for by their families. (4 marks)
- 0 8** 'Religion provides support for the elderly.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 9** Hospices care for the dying and support their families. Explain religious attitudes towards hospices. (4 marks)
- 1 0** 'People should **not** be kept alive by artificial means.'
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**Religious Attitudes to Drug Abuse**

Look at the photograph below.



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 Name an *illegal* drug. (1 mark)
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 Explain briefly **two** reasons why religious believers think that taking *illegal* drugs is wrong. (4 marks)
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 'Religious believers should only use medically prescribed drugs.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
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 Explain religious attitudes towards drinking alcohol. (4 marks)
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 'People should take illegal drugs if they want 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. (6 marks)

Question 4**Religious Attitudes to Crime and Punishment**

Look at the photograph below.



- 1 6** What is meant by the word 'crime'? (1 mark)
- 1 7** Explain briefly **two** reasons why religious believers think that crime against property is wrong. (4 marks)
- 1 8** 'Religious believers should try to improve prison life.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 1 9** Explain religious attitudes towards the death penalty. (4 marks)
- 2 0** 'Young offenders should be helped, not punished.'
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

Religious Attitudes to Rich and Poor in British Society

Look at the photograph below.



- 2 1** Give **one** way a person might become rich. (1 mark)
- 2 2** 'Religious people should not be rich.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 2 3** Explain briefly **two** causes of poverty in British society. (4 marks)
- 2 4** Explain religious attitudes towards the poor in British society. (4 marks)
- 2 5** 'Religious believers should **not** take part in lotteries.'
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**Religious Attitudes to World Poverty**

Look at the photograph below.



- 2 6** Name a religious organisation that helps to reduce suffering caused by world poverty. *(1 mark)*
- 2 7** Describe the work of this religious organisation. *(4 marks)*
- 2 8** 'Religious people should buy "Fair-trade" products.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 2 9** Explain briefly **two** reasons why a religious believer may care for the poor in other countries. *(4 marks)*
- 3 0** 'The debts of all poor countries should be cancelled.'
- 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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