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**Religious Studies** **40552**  
**(Specification B)**  
**Religious Studies (Specification B)**  
**(Short Course)**

**Unit 2 Religion and Life Issues**

**Tuesday 17 May 2011 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 five 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** examples of animals which are used for transport. (2 marks)
- 0 2** Explain religious views about genetically modifying animals. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. (4 marks)
- 0 3** 'Religious believers should never support using animals for sport.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 4** Explain what religious people might do to help preserve endangered species. (3 marks)
- 0 5** 'There is nothing wrong with killing animals for food.'
- 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.



- 0 6** Give **two** examples of pollution. *(2 marks)*
- 0 7** Explain religious views about sustainable development. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. *(4 marks)*
- 0 8** 'Religious believers have not done enough to support earth summits.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 0 9** Explain what religious believers can do to help reduce global warming. *(3 marks)*
- 1 0** 'People are too selfish to protect the environment.'  
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)*

**Turn over for the next question**

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**Question 3****Religion and Prejudice**

Look at the picture below.



- 1 1** Give **two** types of prejudice. *(2 marks)*
- 1 2** Explain religious views about the value of the individual. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. *(4 marks)*
- 1 3** 'Religion discriminates against women.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 1 4** Explain what religious believers might do to challenge prejudice. *(3 marks)*
- 1 5** 'There is nothing wrong with positive discrimination.'  
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** alternatives to having an abortion. *(2 marks)*
- 1 7** Explain different views about when a human life begins. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. *(4 marks)*
- 1 8** 'Every new born baby is a miracle of life.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 1 9** Explain why some religious believers support the UK law on abortion. *(3 marks)*
- 2 0** 'Fathers should have rights when abortion is being considered.'  
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)*

**Turn over for the next question**

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**Question 5****Religion, War and Peace**

Look at the photograph below.



- 2 | 1** Give **two** examples of recent wars. *(2 marks)*
- 2 | 2** Explain **two** of the main causes of war. *(3 marks)*
- 2 | 3** 'Religious believers should never agree with a country having weapons of mass destruction.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 2 | 4** Explain why some religious believers are prepared to fight in a war. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. *(4 marks)*
- 2 | 5** 'There will always be wars.'
- 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 in which young people may learn about religion at home. (2 marks)

**2 | 7** Explain why coming of age or membership ceremonies are important to religions. (4 marks)

**2 | 8** 'Peer pressure makes it difficult for young people to be religious.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)

**2 | 9** Describe activities that faith groups provide for young people. (3 marks)

**3 | 0** 'School assemblies should be religious.'  
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)

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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