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**Religious Studies** **40553**  
**(Specification B)**  
**Religious Studies (Specification B)**  
**(Short Course)**

**Unit 3 Religion and Morality**

**Wednesday 23 May 2012 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 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.

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Answer **four** questions.

There are 18 marks for each question.

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

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### Question 1 Religious Attitudes to Matters of Life (Medical Ethics)

Look at the photograph below.



- 0 1** Explain briefly why many religious believers agree with blood transfusions. (2 marks)
- 0 2** Explain why some religious believers do not agree with Artificial Insemination by Donor (AID). Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. (4 marks)
- 0 3** 'Religious believers should accept not being able to have children.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 4** Explain the difference between designer babies and saviour siblings. (3 marks)
- 0 5** 'Religious believers should support all medical research.'  
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** Explain the difference between a hospice and a hospital. (3 marks)
- 0 7** Explain why some religious believers do not agree with using care homes for the elderly. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. (4 marks)
- 0 8** 'Believing in life after death gives great comfort to the elderly.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 9** Explain briefly what is meant by the quality of life. (2 marks)
- 1 0** 'Terminally ill people should be allowed to choose when they die.'  
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.



- 1 1** Give **two** reasons why some people smoke tobacco. *(2 marks)*
- 1 2** 'Religious believers should not drink alcohol.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 1 3** Explain why most religious believers think that taking illegal drugs is wrong. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. *(4 marks)*
- 1 4** Explain the difference between legal drugs and medically prescribed drugs. *(3 marks)*
- 1 5** 'People who take illegal drugs should not be helped.'  
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

Read the words in the speech bubbles below.



- 1 | 6** Explain the difference between prison and community service. (3 marks)
- 1 | 7** Explain religious attitudes to the use of retribution in punishing offenders. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. (4 marks)
- 1 | 8** 'People who commit religious offences should be punished severely.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 1 | 9** Explain briefly what is meant by deterrence. (2 marks)
- 2 | 0** 'If people were religious they would not break the law.'  
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 picture below.



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 Give **two** reasons why some people take part in lotteries. (2 marks)
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 'All religious believers should help the poor.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
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 Explain why some religious believers think that there is nothing wrong with being rich.  
Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. (4 marks)
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 Explain the difference between inheritance and earnings. (3 marks)
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 'Money should be used responsibly and not wasted.'  
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, which shows a flood.



- 2 | 6** Explain the difference between emergency aid and long term aid. (3 marks)
- 2 | 7** Explain briefly what is meant by global interdependence. (2 marks)
- 2 | 8** 'Religious believers should do more to oppose unfair trade.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 2 | 9** Explain the work of **one** religious organisation which helps the poor in developing countries. (4 marks)
- 3 | 0** 'Good stewardship is the most important reason why religious believers should help the poor.'  
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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