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(Short Course)

Unit 6 Worship and Key Beliefs

Thursday 14 June 2012 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 40556.
- Answer **four** questions. Each question has **four** 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 **four** parts. Answer **all four** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 Places of Worship

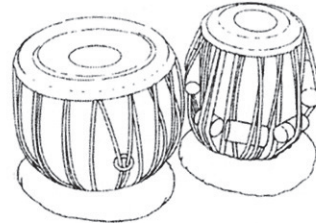
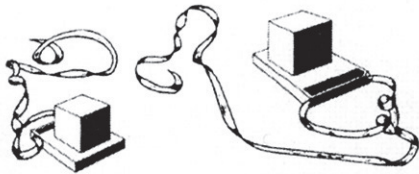
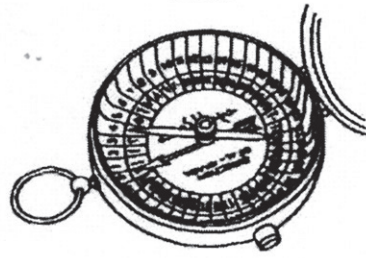
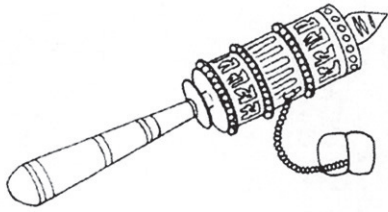
Look at the images below, which show places of worship.



- 0 1** Describe the outside of a place of worship in **each** of **two** religions. (6 marks)
- 0 2** 'The outside of a religious building should have religious symbols.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 3** Explain why religious communities spend money looking after places of worship. (3 marks)
- 0 4** 'There is too much decoration inside places of worship.'
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 Worship

Look at the drawings below, which show aids to worship.



0 5 'Worshippers should not need aids to worship.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion.

(3 marks)

0 6 Explain why worship is an important part of a religious believer's life.

(3 marks)

0 7 Explain what **each** of **two** religions teaches about worshipping on special days.

(6 marks)

0 8 'Only a trained person should lead worship.'

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 Pilgrimage

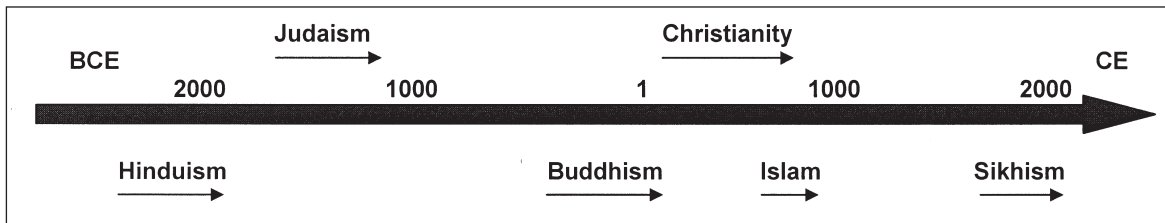
Look at the photographs below, which show places of pilgrimage.



- 0 9** Explain how pilgrimage might help a religious believer. (3 marks)
- 1 0** Explain the meaning of actions performed by pilgrims at a place of pilgrimage in **each** of **two** religions. (6 marks)
- 1 1** 'Places of pilgrimage are spoiled because too many people go there.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 1 2** 'A place of pilgrimage is only special if a miracle happens there.'
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 Origins and Beliefs

Look at the timeline below, which shows when the main religions started.



1 3 Describe how **each** of **two** religions started. (6 marks)

1 4 'It is impossible to explain the concept of God.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)

1 5 Explain why the basic beliefs of a religion are important. (3 marks)

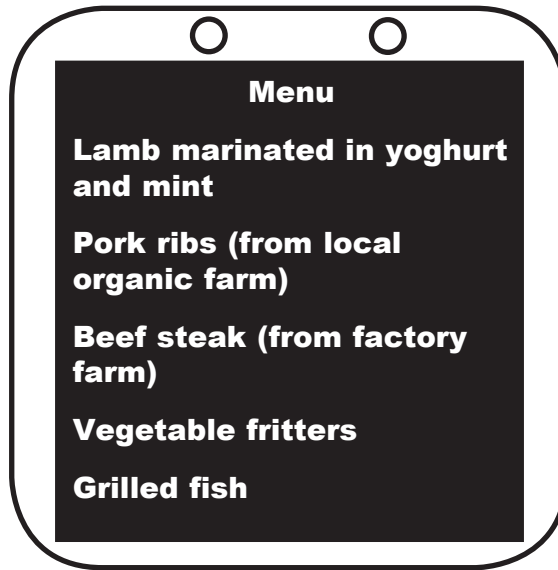
1 6 'How a religious believer lives is more important than what he or she believes.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. (6 marks)

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Question 5 Practices and Belonging

Look at the picture below, which shows a menu board.



- 1 7** Explain how keeping religious food laws may be difficult for believers. *(3 marks)*
- 1 8** 'Believers must follow all the rules of their religion.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 1 9** Describe a funeral ceremony in **each** of **two** religions. *(6 marks)*
- 2 0** 'Only people who follow a religion should celebrate its festivals.'
- 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 Authority

Look at the newspaper headline below.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS FROM DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES MEET TOGETHER

- 2 1** Explain why religious leaders are important to their communities. *(3 marks)*
- 2 2** 'Religious believers know the right things to do because they are guided by their community.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 2 3** Describe the composition of a holy book in **each** of **two** religions. You may refer to their contents and how they came to be written. *(6 marks)*
- 2 4** 'Holy books have no meaning for people today.'
- 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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