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Religious Studies **40553**
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(Short Course)

Unit 3 Religion and Morality

Tuesday 21 May 2013 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 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 76.
- Four of these marks are for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar will be assessed in parts 05, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30. The marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**) are shown below the mark allocation for each question.
- You will be awarded a mark for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**) for each of the four questions that you attempt. The best of these marks will be included in your total for the paper.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **four** questions.

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

There are 18 marks for each question.

There are four additional marks on the paper for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG).

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

Look at the photograph below, which shows a doctor with a patient.



- 0 1** Explain briefly what is meant by transplant surgery. (2 marks)
- 0 2** 'Religious believers should not donate blood for transfusion.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 3** Explain religious attitudes to human genetic engineering. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. (5 marks)
- 0 4** Give **two** reasons why some religious believers agree with artificial insemination by husband (AIH). (2 marks)
- 0 5** 'People who want children should not use artificial methods of reproduction.'
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)
SPaG: (4 marks)

Question 2 Religious Attitudes to the Elderly and Death

Look at the photograph below, which shows gravestones in a cemetery.



- 0 6** Explain briefly what is meant by death. *(2 marks)*
- 0 7** 'Religion provides comfort for people who mourn.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 0 8** Explain religious attitudes to euthanasia. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. *(5 marks)*
- 0 9** Give **two** problems faced by elderly people. *(2 marks)*
- 1 0** 'Families should always take care of their elderly relatives.'
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)*
SPaG: *(4 marks)*

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Question 3 Religious Attitudes to Drug Abuse

Look at the photograph below.



- 1 1** Name **two** 'Class A' drugs. *(2 marks)*
- 1 2** Explain briefly what is meant by rehabilitating drug users. *(2 marks)*
- 1 3** 'Religious believers should agree that money raised through tax on alcohol must only be used to treat alcoholics.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 1 4** Explain why many religious believers are willing to use only some legal drugs. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. *(5 marks)*
- 1 5** 'The use of cannabis should be made legal.'
- 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)*
- SPaG: *(4 marks)*

Question 4 Religious Attitudes to Crime and Punishment

Look at the photograph below.



- 1 6** Give **two** reasons why some people break the law. (2 marks)
- 1 7** Explain briefly what is meant by the term 'probation'. (2 marks)
- 1 8** 'Religious believers should support the early release of prisoners.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 1 9** Explain religious attitudes to the use of the death penalty (capital punishment). Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. (5 marks)
- 2 0** 'Crime against a person is the worst type of crime.'
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)
SPaG: (4 marks)

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Question 5 Religious Attitudes to Rich and Poor in British Society

Read the newspaper headline below.



Millions in Britain are living in poverty

- 2 | 1** Explain briefly what is meant by the term 'the poverty trap'. *(2 marks)*
- 2 | 2** 'No religious family should be poor.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 2 | 3** Explain why many religious people will **not** take part in lotteries. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. *(5 marks)*
- 2 | 4** Give **two** reasons why it is important to have the minimum wage in Britain. *(2 marks)*
- 2 | 5** 'The rich in Britain should do more to 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)*
SPaG: *(4 marks)*

Question 6 Religious Attitudes to World Poverty

Look at the picture below, which shows some countries in Africa in which there is poverty.



- 2 6** Give **two** reasons why some countries are poor. (2 marks)
- 2 7** Explain how religious organisations provide long term aid **and** emergency aid. (5 marks)
- 2 8** 'Obeying religious teaching on justice should ensure that everybody in the world has enough to eat.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 2 9** Explain briefly the meaning of voluntary service. (2 marks)
- 3 0** 'Religious believers should show more compassion for the poor in developing countries.'
- 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)
- SPaG: (4 marks)

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