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## Religious Studies (Specification B)

**40554**

## Religious Studies (Specification B) (Short Course)

### Unit 4 Religious Philosophy and Ultimate Questions

Wednesday 5 June 2013 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 40554.
- 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.
- Do **not** tear out any part of the book. All work must be handed in.

**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 The Existence of God

Look at the drawings below and read the words in speech bubbles.

I believe in God because I have experienced him in my life.



Alice

I'm not really sure. I would only believe in God if I met him.



Barry

But God designed the world.



Karim

- 0 1** Which person above is agnostic? (1 mark)
- 0 2** Explain the argument from religious experience for the existence of God. (3 marks)
- 0 3** 'It is impossible to believe in God without a personal experience of God.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 4** Explain the arguments an atheist would give **against** God's existence. (5 marks)
- 0 5** 'God designed the world.'  
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 Revelation

Look at the picture below, which shows a prophet having a dream.



**0 6** Which type of revelation, special **or** general, is shown in the picture above? (1 mark)

**0 7** Give an account of a vision **or** a dream from scripture or religious tradition, that gave someone knowledge of God. (3 marks)

**0 8** 'Religious visions and dreams are **not** real.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)

**0 9** Explain what revelation teaches about the qualities of God. (5 marks)

**1 0** 'The best way to learn about God is through 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)

SPaG: (4 marks)

**Turn over for the next question**

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### Question 3 The Problems of Evil and Suffering

Look at the photograph below, which shows a tornado about to destroy people's homes.



**1 1** Which cause of suffering, natural **or** man-made, is shown in the picture above? (1 mark)

**1 2** 'God allows suffering for a reason.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)

**1 3** Explain the problem of evil for religious believers. (5 marks)

**1 4** Explain why evil is sometimes described as an impersonal force. (3 marks)

**1 5** 'Religious believers should always take action against evil.'

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 Immortality

Look at the photograph below.



- 1 6** What is meant by immortality as a memory of others? (1 mark)
- 1 7** Explain why Near Death Experiences **may not** be evidence for life after death. (3 marks)
- 1 8** 'Religious scriptures provide the best evidence for life after death.'  
 What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 1 9** Explain religious beliefs about immortality. (5 marks)
- 2 0** 'No one would want to live forever.'  
 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)

**Turn over for the next question**

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### Question 5 Miracles

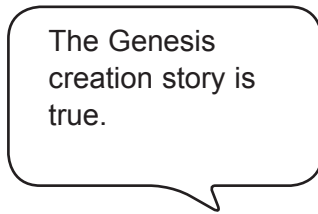
Look at the photograph below, which shows a newborn child.



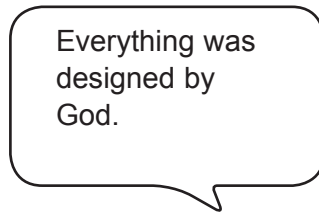
- 2 | 1** Give **one** reason why some people would say that the birth of a baby is **not** a miracle. (1 mark)
- 2 | 2** 'Humans can perform miracles without God's help.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 2 | 3** Give an account of **one** miracle from scripture or religious tradition. (3 marks)
- 2 | 4** Explain why some people say miracles **do not** happen. You may refer to Hume's argument against miracles in your answer. (5 marks)
- 2 | 5** 'Miracles prove God's love and care for all creation.'
- 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 Science and Religion

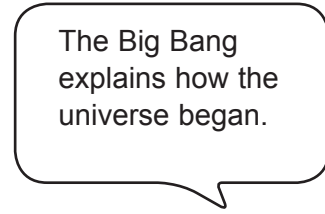
Look at the drawings below and read the words in speech bubbles.



Karl



Deena



Eddie

- 2 | 6** Which person above is giving an example of a scientific truth? (1 mark)
- 2 | 7** Explain why the theory of evolution challenges some religious beliefs. (5 marks)
- 2 | 8** 'The Cosmological Revolution proved that religious beliefs were wrong.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 2 | 9** Explain why some people favour science over religion in the modern world. (3 marks)
- 3 | 0** 'It is important to believe that human beings were created by God.'  
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)

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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