AQA GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES A Paper 2A: Thematic Studies 8062/2A

Tuesday 19 May 2020 Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

For this paper you must have:an AQA 16-page answer book.

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 8062/2A.
- Do all rough work in the Answer Book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- Choose FOUR themes.
- Answer ALL questions on the four themes you have chosen.

INFORMATION

The maximum mark for this paper is 96 plus 3 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar.

The marks for questions are shown in brackets.

 Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) will be assessed in the 12-mark questions. The marks for SPaG are shown below the mark allocation for each question. The best of these marks will be included in your total for the paper.

ADVICE

You are advised to spend 25 minutes on each theme.

DO NOT TURN OVER UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO

You should answer ALL questions from FOUR themes.



Which ONE of the following means a man having more than one wife at the same time? [1 mark]

- A Cohabitation
- **B Procreation**
- C Monogamy
- D Polygamy



Give TWO religious teachings about divorce. [2 marks]

01.3

Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs in contemporary British society about sexual relationships before marriage.

In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions. [4 marks]



Explain TWO religious views about same-sex parents.

01.5

'Gender discrimination is always wrong.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should refer to religious arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

[Plus SPaG 3 marks]

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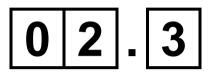
0 2 THEME B: Religion and life



Which ONE of the following describes the religious belief that humans have authority to rule over the world? [1 mark]

- A Abuse
- **B** Dominion
- **C** Evolution
- **D** Misuse

Give TWO reasons why many religious people use animals for food. [2 marks]



Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs in contemporary British society about euthanasia.

In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions. [4 marks]



Explain TWO religious beliefs about the use of natural resources.



'It is possible to believe in BOTH the Big Bang theory AND religious teachings about the origins of the universe.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should refer to religious arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

[Plus SPaG 3 marks]



THEME C: The existence of God and revelation



Which ONE of the following means to have a close relationship with God? [1 mark]

- A Eternal
- **B** Impersonal
- C Omnipotent
- **D** Personal

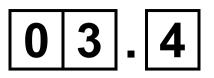


Give TWO arguments which claim to prove the existence of God. [2 marks]

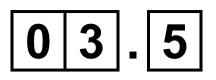


Explain TWO contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about religious visions.

In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and non-religious beliefs. [4 marks]



Explain TWO religious views about the belief that God is omniscient.



'It is impossible to prove God exists.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should refer to religious arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

[Plus SPaG 3 marks]

0 4 THEME D: Religion, peace and conflict



Which ONE of the following describes what is right and fair, as required by the law? [1 mark]

- A Forgiveness
- **B** Greed
- **C** Justice
- **D** Selfishness

Give TWO reasons why most religious people are against terrorism. [2 marks]



Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs in contemporary British society about pacifism.

In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions. [4 marks]



Explain TWO reasons why some religious people support the just war theory.



'It is wrong for any country to have weapons of mass destruction.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should refer to religious arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.
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0 5 THEME E: Religion, crime and punishment

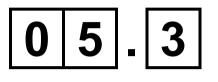


Which ONE of the following do religious believers regard as an evil intention? [1 mark]

- **A** Showing forgiveness
- **B** Going to prison
- C Planning murder
- **D** Opposing an unjust law



Give TWO reasons why some religious people may break the law. [2 marks]



Explain TWO contrasting religious views in contemporary British society about the use of corporal punishment.

In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions. [4 marks]



Explain TWO religious beliefs about forgiveness.



'Deterring people from committing crime is the best aim of punishment.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
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THEME F: Religion, human rights and social justice

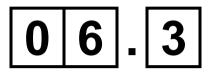
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Which ONE of the following best describes social justice? [1 mark]

- A Being prejudiced
- **B** Protecting human rights
- **C** People-trafficking
- **D** Being wealthy



Give TWO examples of positive discrimination. [2 marks]



Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs in contemporary British society about the status of women in religion.

In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions. [4 marks]



Explain TWO religious reasons why people should give money to charity.



'Religious teachings can help to stop discrimination against homosexuals.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should refer to religious arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.
 [12 marks]

[Plus SPaG 3 marks]

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