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**GCSE**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES A**

**Paper 2B: Thematic studies (including textual studies)**

**8062/2B**

**Wednesday 16 May 2018**

**Afternoon**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes**

**For this paper you must have:**

- **an AQA 16-page answer book.**

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## **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 8062/2B.**
- **Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.**
- **Choose TWO themes from Section A and BOTH themes from Section B.**
- **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 alongside 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**

**SECTION A**

You should answer **ALL** questions from **TWO** themes in Section A.

**0 1**      **THEME A: RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES**

**0 1 . 1**      Some religious believers may use methods to prevent a pregnancy taking place.

Which **ONE** of the following describes that practice? [1 mark]

- A Conception
- B Procreation
- C Contraception
- D Monogamy

**0 1 . 2**      Give **TWO** religious beliefs about same-sex marriage. [2 marks]

**0 1 . 3**      Explain **TWO** contrasting religious beliefs about the roles of men and women.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 marks]

**0 1 . 4** Explain TWO religious beliefs about divorce.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer.  
[5 marks]

**0 1 . 5** ‘For religious believers, sexual relationships should take place only within marriage.’

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] [SPaG 3 marks]

[Turn over]

**0 2****THEME B: RELIGION AND LIFE****0 2 . 1**

Which **ONE** of the following means that human life is precious and sacred? [1 mark]

- A Quality of life
- B Meaning of life
- C Length of life
- D Sanctity of life

**0 2 . 2**

Give **TWO** reasons why some religious people do not eat meat. [2 marks]

**0 2 . 3**

Explain **TWO** contrasting religious beliefs about euthanasia.

In your answer, you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 marks]

**0 2 . 4**

Explain **TWO** religious beliefs about how peoples' actions in this life affect what happens to them in the afterlife.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]

**02.5** 'Abuse of the environment is impossible to stop.'

**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] [SPaG 3 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

**0 3** **THEME C: THE EXISTENCE OF GOD AND REVELATION**

**0 3 . 1** Which ONE of the following describes God as all-knowing? [1 mark]

- A Omnipotent
- B Personal
- C Omniscient
- D Impersonal

**0 3 . 2** Give TWO reasons why some people believe that God does not exist. [2 marks]

**0 3 . 3** Explain TWO contrasting views about the strengths of the First Cause argument for the existence of God.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 marks]

**0 3 . 4** Explain TWO beliefs about nature as a source of knowledge about the divine.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]



**03.5** ‘God cannot be both transcendent (beyond the world) and immanent (within the world).’

**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] [SPaG 3 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

**0 4**      **THEME D: RELIGION, PEACE AND CONFLICT****0 4 . 1**      **Religions teach that people should live together in peace and harmony.**

**Which ONE of the following means to become friends again after a relationship has broken down? [1 mark]**

- A To reform**
- B To be reconciled**
- C To have justice**
- D To retaliate**

**0 4 . 2**      **Give TWO reasons why many religious believers are against violent protest. [2 marks]****0 4 . 3**      **Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about nuclear weapons.**

**In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 marks]**

**04.4** Explain TWO religious beliefs which show that all acts of terrorism are wrong.

**Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer.  
[5 marks]**

**04.5** ‘War is the best way to solve problems between countries.’

**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] [SPaG 3 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

**0 5** **THEME E: RELIGION, CRIME AND PUNISHMENT**

**0 5 . 1** Religious believers accept the idea of punishment.

Which ONE of the following is not an aim of punishment? [1 mark]

- A Forgiveness
- B Reformation
- C Retribution
- D Deterrence

**0 5 . 2** Give TWO causes of crime. [2 marks]

**0 5 . 3** Explain TWO similar religious beliefs about the use of community service as a punishment.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 marks]

**0 5 . 4** Explain TWO religious beliefs which show that all hate crimes are wrong.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]

**0 5 . 5** 'The death penalty should never be used.'

**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] [SPaG 3 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

**0 6**

**THEME F: RELIGION, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**0 6 . 1**

**Many religious believers want to end poverty.**

**Which ONE of the following aims to reduce poverty? [1 mark]**

- A Fair Pay**
- B Excessive interest on loans**
- C Exploitation**
- D Idleness**

**0 6 . 2**

**Give TWO religious beliefs about social justice. [2 marks]**

**0 6 . 3**

**Explain TWO similar religious beliefs about the responsibilities of having wealth.**

**In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 marks]**

**0 6 . 4**

**Explain TWO religious beliefs that show why racial discrimination is wrong.**

**Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]**

**06.5** ‘If everyone followed religious teachings then laws about human rights would not be needed.’

**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] [SPaG 3 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS IN SECTION A**

**[Turn over for Section B]**

**SECTION B**

You should answer ALL questions from BOTH themes.

**07**      **THEME G: ST MARK'S GOSPEL: THE LIFE OF JESUS**

**07.1**      Which ONE of the following is the name of the Roman Governor of Judaea who sentenced Jesus to death? [1 mark]

- A Caiaphas
- B Pontius Pilate
- C Caesar
- D Joseph of Arimathea

**07.2**      Give TWO ways in which Mark's account of Jesus' baptism showed that Jesus was the Son of God. [2 marks]

**07.3**      Explain TWO contrasting explanations for the empty tomb of Jesus. [4 marks]



- 07.4** Explain TWO ways in which the conversation between Jesus and his disciples at Caesarea Philippi is important for Christians.

You must refer to St Mark's Gospel in your answer. [5 marks]

- 07.5** 'The miracles of Jesus are enough to prove that Jesus was the Christ (Messiah).'

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 St Mark's Gospel in your answer
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks] [SPaG 3 marks]

[Turn over]

**0 8**

**THEME H: ST MARK'S GOSPEL AS A SOURCE OF RELIGIOUS, MORAL AND SPIRITUAL TRUTHS**

**0 8 . 1**

**How many times did Peter deny knowing Jesus? [1 mark]**

- A One**
- B Two**
- C Three**
- D Four**

**0 8 . 2**

**Give TWO things that Christians might learn from the incident of Jesus and the children. [2 marks]**

**0 8 . 3**

**Explain TWO contrasting ways in which Christians can help people who are disregarded by society. [4 marks]**

**08.4** Explain TWO of Jesus' teachings about the cost of discipleship.

**You must refer to St Mark's Gospel in your answer. [5 marks]**

**08.5** 'The Kingdom of God will never exist on earth.'

**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 St Mark's Gospel in your answer**
- **may refer to non-religious arguments**
- **should reach a justified conclusion.**

**[12 marks] [SPaG 3 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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