



GCSE

RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 2A: Thematic studies

Wednesday 16 May 2018 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials

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.

You should answer **all** questions from **four** themes.

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]

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]

0	2	.	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 for Theme C****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]

0	3	.	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]

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]

0	4	.	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]

0	4	.	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 for Theme E

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]

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]

0	6	.	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

There are no questions printed on this page

Copyright information

For confidentiality purposes, from the November 2015 examination series, acknowledgements of third party copyright material will be published in a separate booklet rather than including them on the examination paper or support materials. This booklet is published after each examination series and is available for free download from www.aqa.org.uk after the live examination series.

Permission to reproduce all copyright material has been applied for. In some cases, efforts to contact copyright-holders may have been unsuccessful and AQA will be happy to rectify any omissions of acknowledgements. If you have any queries please contact the Copyright Team, AQA, Stag Hill House, Guildford, GU2 7XJ.

Copyright © 2018 AQA and its licensors. All rights reserved.

