



GCSE

RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 2A: Thematic Studies

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 question. 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.

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Theme A: Relationships and families

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Which **one** of the following means the legal ending of a marriage?

[1 mark]

- A** Cohabitation
- B** Contraception
- C** Divorce
- D** Polygamy

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Give **two** religious reasons given by believers to support the view that sex before marriage is wrong.

[2 marks]

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Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about the nature of marriage.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

[4 marks]

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Explain **two** religious beliefs about the roles of men and women.

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

[5 marks]

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‘The most important purpose of a family is to educate children in a faith.’

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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Theme B: Religion and life

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Which **one** of the following describes a feeling of amazement at the complexity and beauty of the world?

[1 mark]

- A** Awe and wonder
- B** Creation and evolution
- C** Dominion and stewardship
- D** Duty and responsibility

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Give **two** ways that religious believers can help to protect the world's natural resources.

[2 marks]

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Explain **two** contrasting religious views about how the universe began.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

[4 marks]

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Explain **two** religious beliefs about the use of animals for food.

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

[5 marks]

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'Death is not the end; there is an afterlife.'

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]

Turn over ►

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Theme C: The existence of God and revelation

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Which **one** of the following describes the realisation or understanding of a religious truth?

[1 mark]

A Enlightenment

B Immanence

C Miracle

D Omnipotence

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Give **two** reasons why many religious people believe that God is transcendent.

[2 marks]

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Explain **two** contrasting beliefs about evil and suffering as an argument against the existence of God.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

[4 marks]

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Explain **two** beliefs about Special Revelation as a source of knowledge of the divine (God).

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

[5 marks]

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‘The First Cause Argument is a weak argument for the existence of God.’

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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Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict

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Which **one** of the following describes why having nuclear weapons might prevent war?

[1 mark]

- A** Acts as a deterrent
- B** Brings forgiveness
- C** Causes terrorism
- D** Promotes justice

0 4 . 2

Give **two** of the criteria for a Just War.

[2 marks]

0 4 . 3

Explain **two** similar religious beliefs about peace-making.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

[4 marks]

0 4 . 4

Explain **two** religious beliefs about violent protest.

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

[5 marks]

0 4 . 5

‘Greed or just wanting a better life are never good reasons for going to war.’

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]****Turn over ►**

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Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment

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Which **one** of the following suggests that an action is right if it intends to produce the greatest happiness for the greatest number of people?

[1 mark]

- A** Good intentions
- B** Principle of utility
- C** Retribution
- D** Sanctity of life

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Give **two** reasons why religious believers oppose hate crimes.

[2 marks]

0 5 . 3

Explain **two** contrasting religious views about theft (stealing).

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

[4 marks]

0 5 . 4

Explain **two** religious beliefs about reforming people who have broken the law.

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

[5 marks]

0 5 . 5

‘Religious believers should never agree with corporal 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
- 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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Theme F: Religion, human rights and social justice

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Which **one** of the following terms best describes the action of giving money to the poor?

[1 mark]

A Equality

B Charity

C Poverty

D Prejudice

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Give **two** examples of human rights.

[2 marks]

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Explain **two** similar religious teachings about the right use of wealth.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

[4 marks]

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Explain **two** religious beliefs about discrimination.

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

[5 marks]

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‘Religious believers should do more to stop the exploitation of the poor.’

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]****END OF QUESTIONS**

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