

# 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.

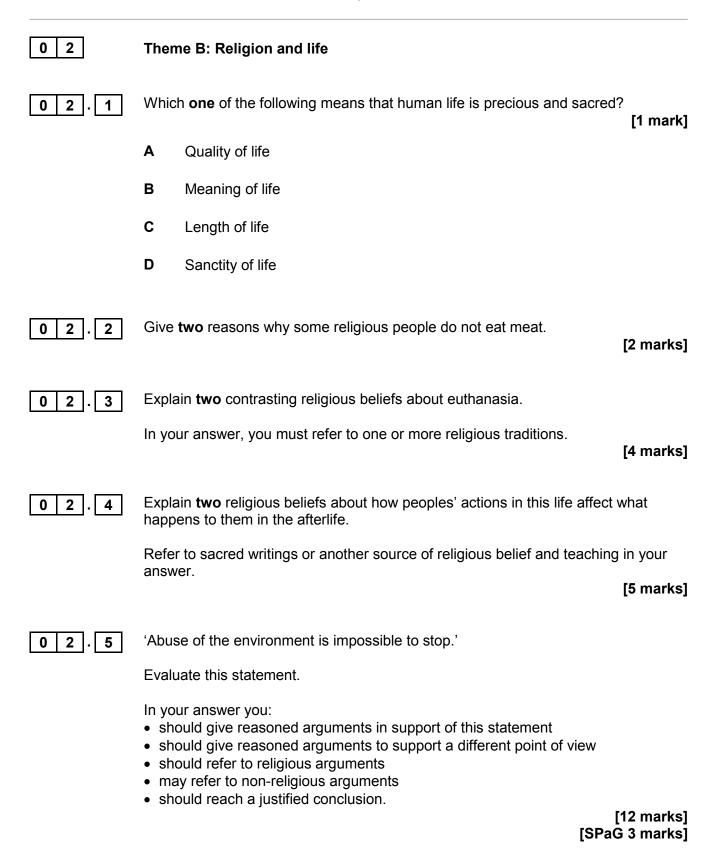
### **Advice**

You are advised to spend 25 minutes on each theme.

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You should answer  ${\bf all}$  questions from  ${\bf four}$  themes.

0 1	Theme A: Relationships and families
0 1.1	Some religious believers may use methods to prevent a pregnancy taking place.  Which <b>one</b> of the following describes that practice?  [1 mark]
	A Conception
	<b>B</b> Procreation
	<b>C</b> Contraception
	<b>D</b> Monogamy
0 1.2	Give <b>two</b> religious beliefs about same-sex marriage.  [2 marks]
0 1.3	Explain <b>two</b> 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 <b>two</b> 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]



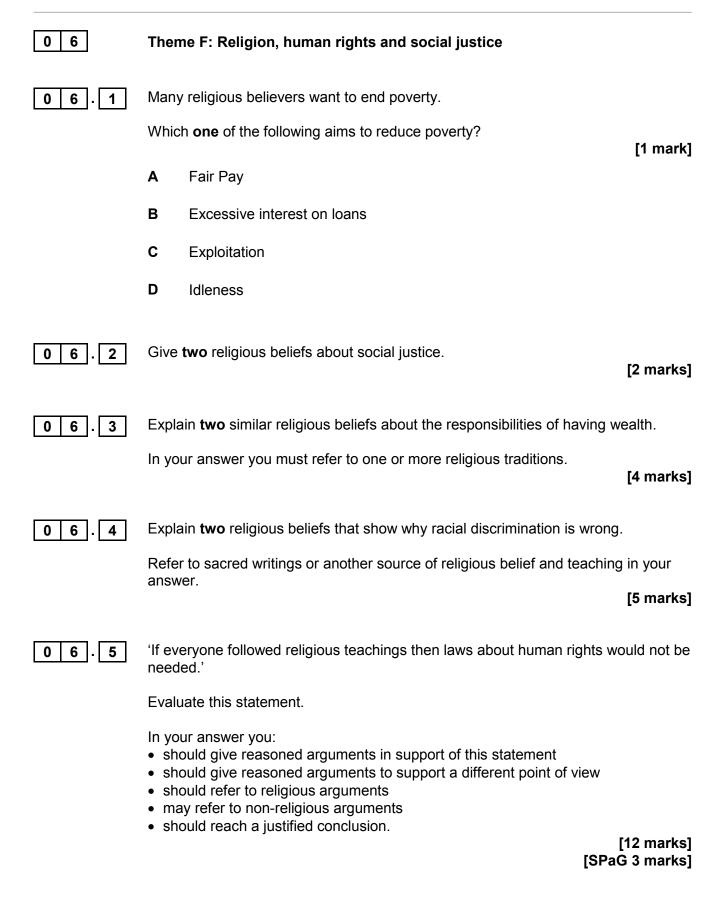
**Turn over for Theme C** 

0 3	Theme C: The existence of God and revelation
0 3.1	Which <b>one</b> of the following describes God as all-knowing?  [1 mark]
	A Omnipotent
	B Personal
	C Omniscient
	D Impersonal
0 3.2	Give <b>two</b> reasons why some people believe that God does not exist.  [2 marks]
0 3.3	Explain <b>two</b> 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 <b>two</b> 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 <b>one</b> 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
	<b>D</b> To retaliate
0 4 . 2	Give <b>two</b> reasons why many religious believers are against violent protest.  [2 marks]
0 4 . 3	Explain <b>two</b> contrasting religious beliefs about nuclear weapons.
	In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.  [4 marks]
0 4 . 4	Explain <b>two</b> 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** 

0 5	Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment
0 5.1	Religious believers accept the idea of punishment.  Which <b>one</b> of the following is <b>not</b> an aim of punishment?  [1 mark]
	A Forgiveness
	B Reformation
	C Retribution
	<b>D</b> Deterrence
0 5.2	Give <b>two</b> causes of crime. [2 marks]
0 5.3	Explain <b>two</b> 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 <b>two</b> 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]



#### **END OF QUESTIONS**

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