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## GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

**Paper 2A: Thematic studies** 

### 8062/2A

Wednesday 16 May 2018 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 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

You should answer ALL questions from FOUR themes.

### 0 1 THEME A: RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES



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]

01.5 '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

# 02.1 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
- 02.2 Give TWO reasons why some religious people do not eat meat. [2 marks]
- 02.3 Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about euthanasia.

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

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

## 02.5

'Abuse of the environment is impossible to stop.'

**Evaluate this statement.** 

In your answer you:

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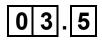
[12 marks] [SPaG 3 marks]

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

- 03.1 Which ONE of the following describes God as all-knowing? [1 mark]
  - A Omnipotent
  - **B** Personal
  - C Omniscient
  - D Impersonal
- 03.2 Give TWO reasons why some people believe that God does not exist. [2 marks]
- 03.3 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]

03.4 Explain TWO beliefs about nature as a source of knowledge about the divine.



'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]

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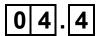
### 04 THEME D: RELIGION, PEACE AND CONFLICT

04.1 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
- 04.2 Give TWO reasons why many religious believers are against violent protest. [2 marks]
- 04.3 Explain TWO contrasting religious beliefs about nuclear weapons.

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



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]

0 5 THEME E: RELIGION, CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

05.1 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]
- 05.3

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]



Explain TWO religious beliefs which show that all hate crimes are wrong.

05.5

'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]

- 06 THEME F: RELIGION, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
- 06.1 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]
- 06.3 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]

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



'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]

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