

GCSE Religious Studies (Specification B) Religious Studies (Specification B) (Short Course)

Unit 2 Religion and Life Issues

Wednesday 18 May 2016 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 30 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 **Paper Reference** is 40552.
- Answer **four** questions. Each question has **five** parts.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 76.
- Four of these marks are for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**). This will be assessed in parts 05, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30. The mark is shown below the mark allocation for each question.
- You will be awarded a mark for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**) for each of the four questions that you attempt. The best of these marks will be included in your total for the paper.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **four** questions.

There are 18 marks for each question.

Each question has **five** parts. Answer **all five parts** of each question chosen.

There are four additional marks on the paper for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG).

Question 1 Religion and Animal Rights

Look at the photograph.



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 Explain briefly why many people choose to have a pet. [2 marks]

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 Give **two** reasons why some religious believers are against the fur trade. [2 marks]

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 'It is wrong for religious believers to buy animal products that have been factory farmed.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]

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 Explain why some religious believers are vegetarians and others eat meat. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. [5 marks]

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 'All experiments on animals should be banned.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. [6 marks]

[SPaG: 4 marks]

Question 2 Religion and Planet Earth

Look at the photograph.



- 0 6** Give **two** problems caused by climate change. **[2 marks]**
- 0 7** Explain briefly how Earth Summits have tried to deal with the problem of climate change. **[2 marks]**
- 0 8** 'Religious believers should never use pesticides.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 0 9** Explain why many religious believers are concerned about the abuse of the Earth's natural resources. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. **[5 marks]**
- 1 0** 'Living a modern lifestyle is more important than worrying about any pollution it might cause.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. **[6 marks]**
- [SPaG: 4 marks]**

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Question 3 Religion and Prejudice

Look at the photograph. It shows people holding hands.



- 1 1** 'It is important for religious believers to show tolerance towards people of other faiths.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 1 2** Explain briefly how discrimination is different from prejudice. [2 marks]
- 1 3** Give **two** reasons why some people become prejudiced. [2 marks]
- 1 4** Explain how some religious believers have fought against prejudice. [5 marks]
- 1 5** 'Not all discrimination is wrong.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. [6 marks]

[SPaG: 4 marks]

Question 4 Religion and Early Life

Look at the photograph.



- 1 6** Give **two** different situations where the UK law may allow an abortion. [2 marks]
- 1 7** Explain briefly what is meant by the sanctity of life. [2 marks]
- 1 8** 'When abortion is being considered, religious believers should support the father having equal rights with the mother.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 1 9** Explain different religious views about when life begins. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. [5 marks]
- 2 0** 'An abortion should be allowed if the baby would have a poor quality of life.'
- Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. [6 marks]

[SPaG: 4 marks]

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Question 5 Religion, War and Peace

Look at the photograph. The poppies are in memory of World War One.



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 Give **two** examples of the effects of war. [2 marks]
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 Explain briefly what is meant by terrorism. [2 marks]
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 'Religious beliefs are never a good reason to go to war.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
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 Explain the 'Just War' criteria (rules). [5 marks]
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 'No country should have nuclear weapons.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. [6 marks]

[SPaG: 4 marks]

Question 6 Religion and Young People

Look at the photograph.



- 2 6** Give **two** reasons why some parents choose to send their children to a faith school. **[2 marks]**
- 2 7** Explain briefly what is meant by peer pressure. **[2 marks]**
- 2 8** 'Religion should only be taught to young people in the home.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 2 9** Explain, using examples, why faith groups provide special activities for young people. **[5 marks]**
- 3 0** 'Religious rules are not relevant for young people today.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. **[6 marks]**

[SPaG: 4 marks]

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