

GCSE

Religious Studies

(Specification B)

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(Short Course)

Unit 4 Religious Philosophy and Ultimate Questions

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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 40554.
- Answer **four** questions. Each question has **five** parts.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that 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 The Existence of God

Read the following.

'I'm not sure there is a God.'



Alma

'Our conscience proves there is a God.'



Bob

'There is no God.'



Sanjay

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Which one of these people is a 'theist'?

[1 mark]

0 2

Explain the argument from morality for God's existence.

[3 marks]

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'The First Cause argument cannot prove that God exists.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion.

[3 marks]

0 4

Explain the argument for the existence of God from religious experience. You may use examples in your answer.

[5 marks]

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'Atheist arguments will never convince religious believers that God does not exist.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view.

[6 marks]

[SPaG: 4 marks]

Question 2 Revelation

Look at the photograph. It shows a boy praying.



- 0 6** 'Prayer is the best way to know God.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion.
[3 marks]
- 0 7** What is meant by the 'supremacy' of God?
[1 mark]
- 0 8** Explain the difference between special revelation and general revelation.
[3 marks]
- 0 9** Explain how revelations might affect the lives of religious believers. You may use examples in your answer.
[5 marks]
- 1 0** 'There are better ways to explain revelations than to claim that they come from God.'
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 The Problems of Evil and Suffering

Look at the photograph. It shows a rescue worker searching for survivors of an earthquake.



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 What is meant by 'natural suffering'?
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 Explain why suffering raises questions about what God is like. You may use examples in your answer.
- [5 marks]**
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 'Evil is caused by a devil (personal being).'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion.
- [3 marks]**
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 Explain how some religious believers use the idea of karma to explain why there is suffering in the world.
- [3 marks]**
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 'Suffering makes people stronger.'
- 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 Immortality

Look at the photograph. It shows a statue of the composer Mozart. Then read the words in the box.



Some people say
Mozart's legacy
makes him
immortal.

- 1 6** What is meant by the term 'immortality'? [1 mark]
- 1 7** Explain why many religious believers think that a legacy does **not** make someone immortal. [3 marks]
- 1 8** Explain arguments **against** religious beliefs about immortality. [5 marks]
- 1 9** 'Ghost experiences are good evidence that people have souls.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 2 0** 'Near Death Experiences prove that there is immortality.'
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]

Turn over for the next question

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Question 5 Miracles

Read the newspaper headlines.

‘Miracle’ Mudslide

Face of Jesus appears in mud on cliff side after heavy rain.

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Give **one** reason why some people would say that the event described above was **not** a miracle.

[1 mark]

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Give an account of **one** religious miracle you have studied.

[3 marks]

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Explain why many religious people believe in miracles. You may use examples in your answer.

[5 marks]

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‘Humans can perform miracles.’

What do you think? Explain your opinion.

[3 marks]

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‘Hume’s arguments against miracles are correct.’

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 Science and Religion

Read the following.

God created the universe.



James

The Cosmological Revolution took place during the Middle Ages.



Stephen

The Big Bang explains how the universe began.



Janet

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Which one of these people is giving an example of a religious truth?

[1 mark]

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Explain how the discoveries of the Cosmological Revolution challenged religious beliefs in the Middle Ages.

[3 marks]

2 | 8

'Evolution proves that God did not design life on earth.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion.

[3 marks]

2 | 9

Explain why many religious believers accept both scientific and religious explanations for the origins of the universe.

[5 marks]

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'Science is more important than religion for the world 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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