AQA

GCSE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES A
Paper 2A

Additional specimen   Morning   Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials
For this paper you must have:
* an AQA answer booklet.

Instructions
* Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
* Write the information required on the front of your answer booklet. The examining body for this paper is AQA. The paper reference is 8062/2A.
* Do all rough work in the answer booklet. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.
* Choose **four** themes.
* Answer **all** questions on those 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.

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You should answer questions from **four** themes.

0 1 **Theme A: relationships and families**

0 1 . **1** Which **one** of the following describes the practice of having more than one wife?

[1 mark]

A Sanctity.

B Stability.

C Monogamy.

D Polygamy.

0 1 . **2** Give **two** religious beliefs about the use of contraception.

[2 marks]

0 1 . **3** Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about same-sex parents.

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

[4 marks]

0 1 . **4** Explain **two** religious beliefs about sexual relationships outside of marriage (adultery).

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

[5 marks]

0 1 . **5** 'Men and women should not have equal rights.'

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]
[+ 3 SPaG marks]

0 2   **Theme B: religion and life**

0 2 . 1 Which **one** of the following means being gently and painlessly put to death?

[1 mark]

    A Stewardship.

    B Euthanasia.

    C Evolution.

    D Dominion.

0 2 . 2 Give **two** religious beliefs about pollution.

[2 marks]

0 2 . 3 Explain **two** similar religious beliefs about the use of animals for food.

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

[4 marks]

0 2 . 4 Explain **two** religious beliefs about the afterlife.

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

[5 marks]

0 2 . 5 'Evolution proves that religious beliefs about the origins of life are wrong.'

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]
[+ 3 SPaG marks]

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0 3   **Theme C: the existence of God and revelation**

0 3 . **1** Which **one** of the following is an argument against the existence of God?

[1 mark]

     A   Design.

     B   Suffering.

     C   Revelation.

     D   Miracles.

0 3 . **2** Give **two** weaknesses of the First Cause argument for God's existence.

[2 marks]

0 3 . **3** Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about scripture as a way of understanding the divine.

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

[4 marks]

0 3 . **4** Explain **two** religious beliefs about the nature of the divine.

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

[5 marks]

0 3 . **5** 'Those who claim to have special revelations are mistaken.'

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]
[+ 3 SPaG marks]

0 4   **Theme D: religion, peace and conflict**

0 4 . 1 Which **one** of the following is **not** a reason for war?

[1 mark]

     A   Self-defence.

     B   Greed.

     C   Retaliation.

     D   Forgiveness.

0 4 . 2 Give **two** religious beliefs that show that violence is wrong.

[2 marks]

0 4 . 3 Explain **two** similar religious beliefs about pacifism.

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

[4 marks]

0 4 . 4 Explain **two** religious beliefs about justice.

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

[5 marks]

0 4 . 5 'There are no good reasons for countries to possess nuclear weapons.'

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
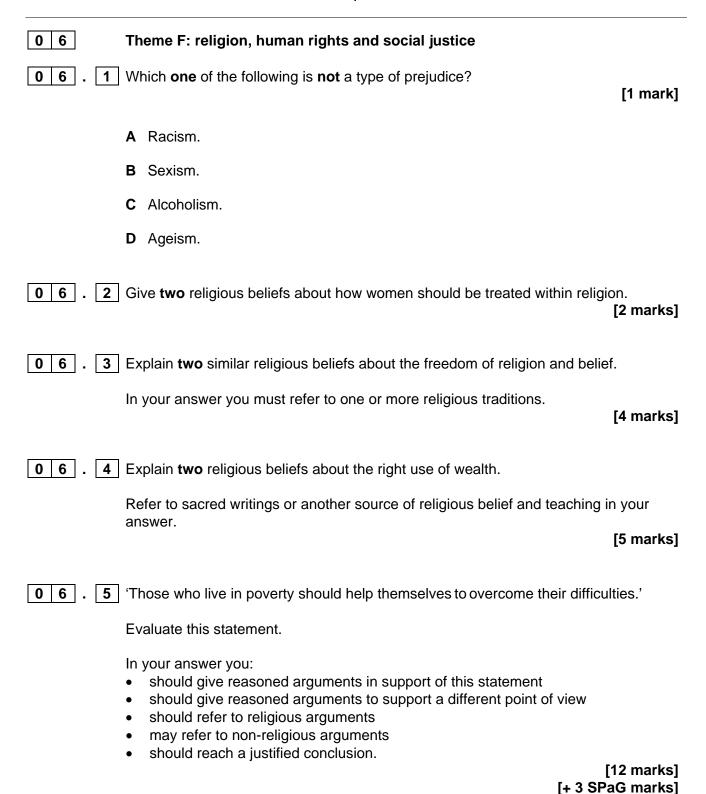- should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]
[+ 3 SPaG marks]

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0 5 **Theme E: religion, crime and punishment**

0 5 . **1** Which **one** of the following is **not** a reason for crime?

[1 mark]

    A Poverty.

    B Sanctity of life.

    C Mental illness.

    D Greed.

0 5 . **2** Give **two** religious beliefs about forgiveness.

[2 marks]

0 5 . **3** Explain **two** similar religious beliefs about people who break the law.

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

[4 marks]

0 5 . **4** Explain **two** religious beliefs about the death penalty.

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

[5 marks]

0 5 . **5** 'Reformation is the best aim of 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]
[+ 3 SPaG marks]

0 6   **Theme F: religion, human rights and social justice**

0 6 . 1 Which **one** of the following is **not** a type of prejudice?

[1 mark]

     A   Racism.

     B   Sexism.

     C   Alcoholism.

     D   Ageism.

0 6 . 2 Give **two** religious beliefs about how women should be treated within religion.

[2 marks]

0 6 . 3 Explain **two** similar religious beliefs about the freedom of religion and belief.

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

[4 marks]

0 6 . 4 Explain **two** religious beliefs about the right use of wealth.

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

[5 marks]

0 6 . 5 'Those who live in poverty should help themselves to overcome their difficulties.'

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]
[+ 3 SPaG marks]

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