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## GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 2A: Thematic Studies

Tuesday 23 May 2023

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 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.

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

Theme A: Rela	tionships and families	
0 1.1	Which <b>one</b> of the following means an unmarried couple living together?	[1 mark]
	A Procreation	
	B Cohabitation	
	<b>C</b> Divorce	
	D Polygamy	
0 1.2	Give <b>two</b> reasons why many religious believers accept remarriage.	[2 marks]
0 1.3	Explain <b>two</b> contrasting religious beliefs about gender equality.	
	In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.	[4 marks]
0 1.4	Explain <b>two</b> religious beliefs about the role of children within the family.	
	Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teachin your answer.	g in
		[5 marks]
0 1.5	'Married couples should not use contraception.'	
	Evaluate this statement.	
	<ul> <li>In your answer you:</li> <li>should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement</li> <li>should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view</li> <li>should refer to religious arguments</li> <li>may refer to non-religious arguments</li> <li>should reach a justified conclusion.</li> </ul>	[12 marks]

[12 marks] [Plus SPaG 3 marks]

	Α	Length of life		
	в	Purpose of life		
	С	Quality of life		
	D	Sanctity of life		
02.2	Give anim	e <b>two</b> reasons why some religious people are against experimenting nals.	on [2 marks]	
02.3	Expl	ain <b>two</b> contrasting religious beliefs about an afterlife.		
	In yc	our answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.	[4 marks]	
02.4	Explain <b>two</b> reasons why many religious people believe they have a duty to look after the world.			
		efer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your nswer.		
	ansv		[5 marks]	
02.5	'Euth	nanasia is never the best option.'		
	Eval	uate this statement.		
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[12 marks] [Plus SPaG 3 marks]

[1 mark]

Which one of the following terms may be used when describing the general

Theme B: Religion and life

well-being of a person?

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Theme C: The	existence of God and revelation		
0 3.1	Which <b>one</b> of the following is a form of special revelation? [1 m	ark]	
	A Being brought up to believe in God	a]	
	<b>B</b> Learning of God through what humans do		
	C Meeting God directly		
	D Seeing God through nature		
0 3.2	Give <b>two</b> reasons why some people do <b>not</b> believe that revelations about God real.		
	[2 ma	rks]	
03.3	Explain <b>two</b> contrasting beliefs about miracles.		
	In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 ma	rks]	
0 3.4	Explain <b>two</b> religious beliefs about the omnipotence of God.		
	Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in		
	your answer. [5 ma	rks]	
0 3.5	'The only way to know God is by being enlightened.'		
	Evaluate this statement.		
	<ul> <li>In your answer you:</li> <li>should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement</li> <li>should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view</li> <li>should refer to religious arguments</li> <li>may refer to non-religious arguments</li> <li>should reach a justified conclusion.</li> </ul>	ırks1	

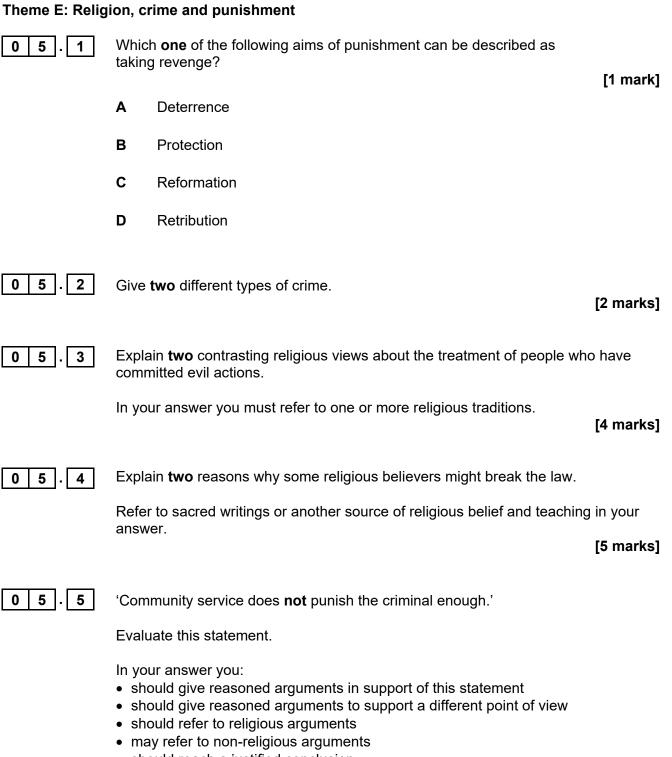
[12 marks] [Plus SPaG 3 marks]

#### Which one of the following best expresses the idea of accepting someone's 0 4 1 apology for what they have done wrong? [1 mark] Α Forgiveness В Justice С Protest Punishment D 0 4 2 Give two reasons why a conflict may be said to be a 'holy war'. [2 marks] Explain two similar religious beliefs about a country using weapons of mass 0 4 3 destruction. In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 marks] 0 4. Explain two reasons why some religious believers choose to work for an 4 organisation that helps victims of war. Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks] 0 4 5 'All religious believers should be pacifists and never fight.' 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.

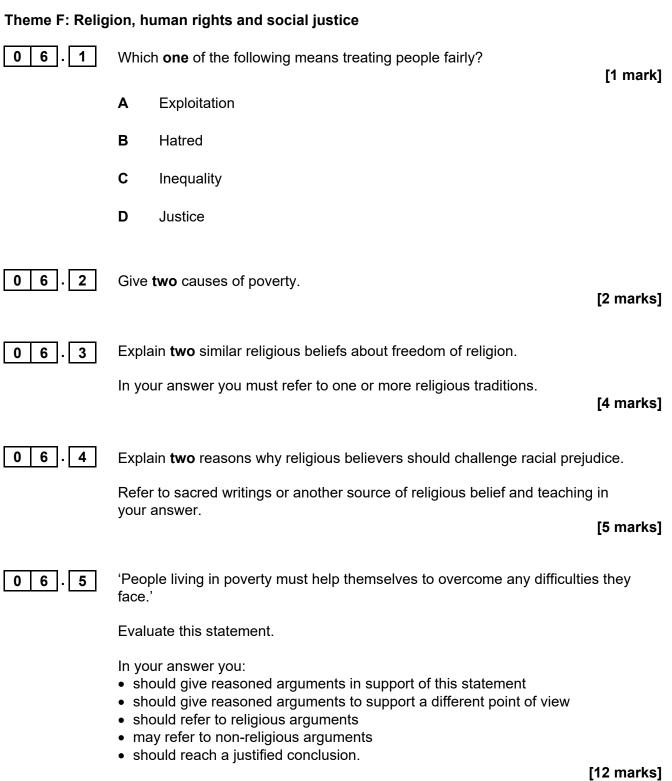
[12 marks] [Plus SPaG 3 marks]

Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict



• should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks] [Plus SPaG 3 marks]



[Plus SPaG 3 marks]

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