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## GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 2B: Thematic Studies (including textual 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 8062/2B.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- Choose two themes from Section A and both themes from Section B.
- 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.

## Section A

You should answer **all** questions from **two** themes in Section A.

## Theme A: Relationships and families Which one of the following means an unmarried couple living together? 0 1 1 [1 mark] Α Procreation В Cohabitation С Divorce D Polygamy 0 1 2 Give **two** reasons why many religious believers accept remarriage. [2 marks] Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about gender equality. 0 1 3 In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. [4 marks] 0 1 4 Explain two religious beliefs about the role of children within the family. Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks] 0 1 5 'Married couples should not use contraception.' 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.

	A Length of life				
	B Purpose of life				
	C Quality of life				
	D Sanctity of life				
02.2	Give <b>two</b> reasons why some religious people are against experiment animals.	ing on <b>[2 marks]</b>			
02.3	Explain <b>two</b> contrasting religious beliefs about an afterlife.				
	In your 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.				
	Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer.				
		[5 marks]			
0 2.5	'Euthanasia is never the best option.'				
	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>	v			

• should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks] [Plus SPaG 3 marks]

Turn over ►

## Theme B: Religion and life

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Which one of the following terms may be used when describing the general well-being of a person? [1 mark]

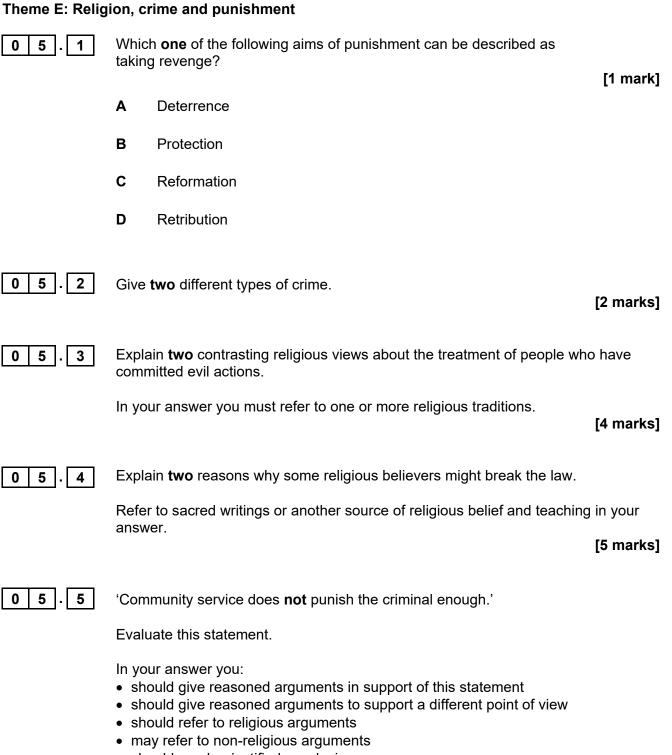
Theme C: The	existence of God and revelation	
0 3.1	Which <b>one</b> of the following is a form of special revelation? [1 mage]	ark]
	A Being brought up to believe in God	
	<b>B</b> Learning of God through what humans do	
	C Meeting God directly	
	D Seeing God through nature	
0 3.2	Give <b>two</b> reasons why some people do <b>not</b> believe that revelations about God a real.	ire
	[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]
03.4	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>	rksl

### 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

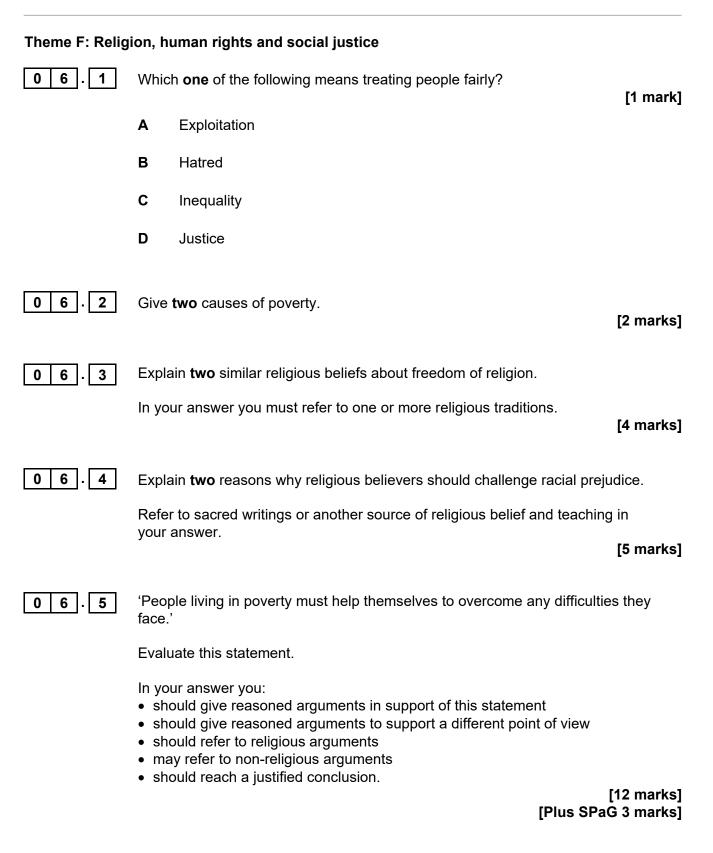
• should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks] [Plus SPaG 3 marks]

Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict



• should reach a justified conclusion.



End of Section A

**Turn over for Section B** 

Section B						
	Yo	ou should answer <b>all</b> questions from <b>both</b> themes in Section B.				
Theme G: St Mark's Gospel: the life of Jesus						
0 7.1	How many others were crucified with Jesus according to St Mark's Gospel?		oel? [1 mark]			
	Α	One				
	в	Тwo				
	С	Three				
	D	Four				
0 7.2	Give	<b>two</b> things Jesus said when he prayed in Gethsemane (on the night)	nt of his			
	ance	56).	[2 marks]			
0 7.3	Expl	ain <b>two</b> contrasting Christian beliefs about the Feeding of the Five T	Γhousand. <b>[4 marks]</b>			
0 7.4	Explain <b>two</b> lessons Christians might learn from Jesus' reply to the reques by James and John.		est made			
	You	must refer to St Mark's Gospel in your answer.	[5 marks]			
0 7.5	'The	titles given to Jesus in St Mark's Gospel are <b>not</b> helpful to Christiar	ns today.'			
	Eval	uate this statement.				
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0 8.1	Which <b>one</b> of the following did Jesus tell the twelve disciples to take with them on their mission?
	[1 mark]
	A Bag (pack)
	B Bread
	C Money
	D Staff (stick)
0 8.2	Give <b>two</b> instructions that Jesus gave to the rich man who wanted to inherit eternal life. [2 marks]
08.3	Explain <b>two</b> contrasting beliefs about the importance of the meeting of Jesus with the woman with a haemorrhage. [4 marks]
0 8 . 4	Explain <b>two</b> things that Christians might learn from the healing of the man with leprosy.
	You must refer to St Mark's Gospel in your answer. [5 marks]
0 8.5	'Obeying the Commandment to "love God" is all that a believer must do to live a Christian life.'
	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 St Mark's Gospel in your answer</li> <li>may refer to non-religious arguments</li> <li>should reach a justified conclusion.</li> </ul>
	[Plus SPaG 3 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

## Theme H: St Mark's Gospel as a source of religious, moral and spiritual truths

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