

GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES B

Component 2A Perspectives on faith

Specimen 2018

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 8063/2A.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Section A:

- Choose **one** option.
- Answer all the questions from the option you choose.

Section B:

- Choose **two** themes.
- Answer all the questions from the themes you choose.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 96 plus 5 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.

Advice

- You are advised to spend 50 minutes on Section A and 50 minutes on Section B.

Section A

Answer all the questions from **either** Option A: Islam **or** Option B: Judaism

Option A: Islam**BELIEFS**

- 0 1** . **1** Which one of the following is a Prophet of Islam?
A) Ibrahim B) Jibril C) Mika'il D) Israfil
[1 mark]
- 0 1** . **2** Name two of the Holy Books other than the Qur'an.
[2 marks]
- 0 1** . **3** Contrast the beliefs of Islam and the main religious tradition of Great Britain about Jesus (Isa).
Refer to two differences in your answer.
[4 marks]
- 0 1** . **4** Explain two Shi'a beliefs about the Imamate.
Refer to scripture or sacred text in your answer.
[5 marks]
- 0 1** . **5** 'Muslim teaching about predestination means that people have no free will.'
Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you should:
- give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
 - give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
 - refer to the teaching of Islam
 - reach a justified conclusion.
- [12 marks]**
Plus SPaG 5 marks

PRACTICES

- 0 2** . **1** Which one of the following is pilgrimage in Islam?
A) Tawhid B) Prophethood C) Hajj D) Resurrection
[1 mark]
- 0 2** . **2** Give two of the features of a mosque that allow it to be used as a place of prayer.
[2 marks]
- 0 2** . **3** Explain two ways in which fasting in Ramadan influences the life of a Muslim.
[4 marks]
- 0 2** . **4** Explain two purposes of zakah.
Refer to the teaching of Islam in your answer.
[5 marks]
- 0 2** . **5** 'It is not important for Muslims to celebrate festivals today.'
Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you should:
- give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
 - give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
 - refer to the teaching of Islam
 - reach a justified conclusion.
- [12 marks]**
Plus SPaG 5 marks

END OF QUESTIONS ON OPTION A

Option B: Judaism**BELIEFS**

0 3 . **1** Which of the following best expresses the meaning of the word 'Messiah'?

- A) God B) Prophet C) Chosen People D) Anointed One

[1 mark]

0 3 . **2** Give two of the Ten Commandments.

[2 marks]

0 3 . **3** Contrast the beliefs of Judaism and the main religious tradition of Great Britain about the Messiah.

Refer to two differences in your answer.

[4 marks]

0 3 . **4** Explain two Jewish beliefs about 'saving a life' (pikuach nefesh).

Refer to scripture or sacred texts in your answer.

[5 marks]

0 3 . **5** 'For Jews, the most important belief about God is that God is the Law-giver.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you should:

- give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- refer to the teaching of Judaism
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 marks

PRACTICES

0 4 . **1** Which **one** of the following is the oral law in Judaism?

- A) Torah B) Tallit C) Tzizit D) Talmud

[1 mark]

0 4 . **2** Give two of the religious features of a synagogue.

[2 marks]

0 4 . **3** Explain two ways in which beliefs about life after death influence Jewish mourning rituals.

[4 marks]

0 4 . **4** Explain two purposes of the Amidah prayer.
Refer to Jewish teaching in your answer.

[5 marks]

0 4 . **5** 'The festivals of Judaism have no religious importance today.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you should:

- give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- refer to the teaching of Judaism
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 marks

END OF QUESTIONS ON OPTION B

SECTION B

Answer all the questions from any **two** themes:

Theme A: Religion, relationships and families

0 5 . **1** Many religions forbid sexual relationships between people of the same gender. Which one of the following is the term used for such a relationship?

- A) transsexual B) metrosexual C) homosexual D) adultery

[1 mark]

0 5 . **2** Give two Christian ideas about the purposes of sexual love.

[2 marks]

0 5 . **3** Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about the issue of divorce.

- You must refer to Christian belief.
- You must refer to contrasting religious and /or non-religious belief.

[4 marks]

0 5 . **4** Explain two Christian beliefs about family planning.

Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.

[5 marks]

0 5 . **5** 'In Christianity, men and women should be treated the same.'

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 Christian arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 marks

Theme B: Religion, peace and conflict

0 6 . **1** The Catechism states that war may be fought in self-defence under certain conditions. Which one of the following is the term used for this theory?

- A) Social War B) Just War C) World War D) Religious War

[1 mark]

0 6 . **2** Give two reasons why many Christians are opposed to the use of weapons of mass destruction.

[2 marks]

0 6 . **3** Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about the issue of pacifism.

- You must refer to Christian belief.
- You must refer to contrasting religious and /or non-religious belief.

[4 marks]

0 6 . **4** Explain two Christian beliefs about forgiveness.
Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.

[5 marks]

0 6 . **5** 'Christians should never be angry.'

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 Christian arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 marks

Theme C: Religion, human rights and social justice

0 7 . **1** Which one of the following best expresses the Christian ideal that everyone should be treated fairly?

- A) Tolerance B) Prejudice C) Justice D) Compassion

[1 mark]

0 7 . **2** Give two ways in which Catholics may take action to improve human rights.

[2 marks]

0 7 . **3** Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society to the right to freedom of religion and belief.

- You must refer to Christian belief.
- You must refer to contrasting religious and /or non-religious belief.

[4 marks]

0 7 . **4** Explain two Christian beliefs about racial equality.

Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.

[5 marks]

0 7 . **5** 'It is always right for Christians to give charity to the poor.'

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 Christian arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 marks

END OF QUESTIONS