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**Religious Studies** **40553**  
**(Specification B)**  
**Religious Studies (Specification B)**  
**(Short Course)**

**Unit 3 Religion and Morality**

Tuesday 20 May 2014 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 40553.
- 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.

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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).

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### Question 1 Religious Attitudes to Matters of Life (Medical Ethics)

Look at the photograph.



- 0 | 1** What do the initials IVF mean? **[1 mark]**
- 0 | 2** Explain religious attitudes to surrogacy. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. **[5 marks]**
- 0 | 3** 'Religious believers should not be against transplant surgery.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 0 | 4** Explain why some religious believers disagree with experiments on humans. **[3 marks]**
- 0 | 5** 'All types of cloning should be allowed.'  
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 2 Religious Attitudes to the Elderly and Death

Look at the photograph. It shows an elderly couple.



- 0 6** What is retirement? [1 mark]
- 0 7** 'Religious believers should always respect the elderly.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 0 8** Explain why many religious believers agree with the use of hospices for the dying. [3 marks]
- 0 9** Explain religious beliefs and teachings about death **and** what happens after death. [5 marks]
- 1 0** 'Life is too valuable to allow a life support machine to be switched off.'  
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 3 Religious Attitudes to Drug Abuse**

Read the newspaper headline.

**People who take illegal drugs  
are offered help to quit.**

- 1 | 1** Name **one** Class B drug. [1 mark]
- 1 | 2** 'Religious believers should not use **illegal** drugs.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 1 | 3** Explain why many religious believers think that drug users should be rehabilitated. [3 marks]
- 1 | 4** Explain religious attitudes to the use of tobacco. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. [5 marks]
- 1 | 5** 'Alcohol should be an **illegal** drug.'  
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 Religious Attitudes to Crime and Punishment**

Look at the photograph.



- 1 6** Give **one** example of a religious offence. [1 mark]
- 1 7** Explain religious attitudes to how young offenders should be punished. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. [5 marks]
- 1 8** 'Religion teaches people the difference between right and wrong.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 1 9** Explain why many religious believers think people have a duty to obey the law. [3 marks]
- 2 0** 'The death penalty (capital punishment) should never be used.'  
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 Religious Attitudes to Rich and Poor in British Society

Look at the photograph.



- 2 | 1** Give **one** reason why some people in Britain have a lot of money. **[1 mark]**
- 2 | 2** 'Religious believers should not gamble.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 2 | 3** Describe what religious believers can do to help people to overcome poverty in Britain. **[3 marks]**
- 2 | 4** Explain religious attitudes towards being rich. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. **[5 marks]**
- 2 | 5** 'People who are poor because they are lazy should not be helped.'  
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 Religious Attitudes to World Poverty

Look at the photograph. It shows aid being given to children in Africa.



- 2 6** What is debt? [1 mark]
- 2 7** Explain how believing in stewardship encourages religious believers to help the poor in developing countries. [3 mark]
- 2 8** 'Religious believers should volunteer to help in developing countries.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 2 9** Explain religious attitudes to world trade. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. [5 marks]
- 3 0** 'Religious charities should only provide emergency aid.'  
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]

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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