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(Short Course)

Unit 2 Religion and Life Issues

Thursday 17 May 2012 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 **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is 40552.
- 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 72.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **four** questions.

There are 18 marks for each question.

Each question has **five** parts. Answer **all** five parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 Religion and Animal Rights

Look at the photograph below, which shows people at a zoo.



- 0 1** Give **two** reasons why some animals are kept in zoos. (2 marks)
- 0 2** Explain religious attitudes to experiments on animals. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. (4 marks)
- 0 3** 'Religious believers should not buy clothes made from real fur.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 4** Describe what some religious believers do to help to protect the rights of animals. (3 marks)
- 0 5** 'Caring for people is more important than looking after wildlife.'
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)

Question 2 Religion and Planet Earth

Look at the photograph below, which shows a power station.



- 0 6** Give **two** ways that modern lifestyles harm the planet. (2 marks)
- 0 7** Explain religious views about the nature and wonder of Planet Earth. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. (4 marks)
- 0 8** 'All religious believers should be concerned about climate change.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 9** Describe what some religious believers do to help to protect the planet. (3 marks)
- 1 0** 'It is up to God to look after the world.'
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)

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Question 3 Religion and Prejudice

Look at the photograph below.



- 1 | 1** Give **two** reasons why some people are racially prejudiced. *(2 marks)*
- 1 | 2** Explain religious attitudes to prejudice. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. *(4 marks)*
- 1 | 3** 'Religious believers should always treat people the same.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 1 | 4** Explain how the law tries to prevent discrimination. *(3 marks)*
- 1 | 5** 'There is no point in trying to stop discrimination.'
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)*

Question 4 Religion and Early Life

Look at the picture below, which shows an unborn child.



- 1 6** 'Children are a blessing from God.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 1 7** Explain the difference between the quality of life and the sanctity of life. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. (4 marks)
- 1 8** Give **two** situations where the law in the UK allows an abortion. (2 marks)
- 1 9** Explain the rights of the unborn child when abortion is being considered. (3 marks)
- 2 0** 'A woman should be allowed to have an abortion at any time during her pregnancy.'
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)

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Question 5 Religion, War and Peace

Look at the photograph below, which shows a soldier in action.



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 Give **two** reasons why a country might go to war. (2 marks)
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 Explain why some religious believers are pacifists. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. (4 marks)
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 'Religious believers should never support terrorism.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
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 Describe the work of **one** peacekeeping force. (3 marks)
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 'Religious believers should be prepared to fight in a "Just War".'
- 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)

Question 6 Religion and Young People

Look at the photograph below.



- 2 | 6** Give **two** examples of activities that faith groups provide for young people. (2 marks)
- 2 | 7** Explain how a religious upbringing might influence the way a person lives his or her life. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. (4 marks)
- 2 | 8** 'All young people should have a religious coming of age ceremony.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 2 | 9** Explain why it is sometimes difficult for young people to follow a religion. (3 marks)
- 3 | 0** 'The best place to learn about religion is in school.'
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)

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