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Religious Studies 40552 (Specification B) Religious Studies (Specification B) (Short Course)

Unit 2 Religion and Life Issues

Friday 17 May 2013 9.00 am to 10.30 am

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 76.
- Four of these marks are for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar will be assessed in parts 05, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30. The marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**) are 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.

Answer **four** questions.

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

There are 18 marks for each question.

There are four additional marks on the paper for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG).

Question 1 Religion and Animal Rights

Look at the photograph below, which shows a person shopping for vegetables.



- 0 1** Explain briefly what is meant by the term 'vegan'. (2 marks)
- 0 2** Give **two** reasons why animals can make good companions for people. (2 marks)
- 0 3** 'Religious believers should not support the cloning of animals.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 4** Explain religious attitudes to the different methods of farming animals. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. (5 marks)
- 0 5** 'There is nothing wrong with religious believers hunting animals.'
- 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 Religion and Planet Earth

Look at the photograph below, which shows a natural habitat.



- 0 6** Give **two** ways in which people destroy natural habitats. *(2 marks)*
- 0 7** Explain briefly what is meant by acid rain. *(2 marks)*
- 0 8** 'Religious believers do not need to be concerned about climate change.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 0 9** Explain religious beliefs about the origins of life on Earth. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. *(5 marks)*
- 1 0** 'Caring for Planet Earth is the best way to improve peoples' lives.'
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)*

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Question 3 Religion and Prejudice

Look at the photograph below.



- 1 1** Give **two** ways in which religious groups may oppose racism. *(2 marks)*
- 1 2** Explain briefly what is meant by tolerance of others. *(2 marks)*
- 1 3** 'Religious people should never show prejudice to those who have lifestyles different from their own.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 1 4** Explain religious beliefs and teachings about discrimination. *(5 marks)*
- 1 5** 'Religious believers can do little to bring about harmony in society.'
- 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 Religion and Early Life

Look at the photograph below, which shows parents with their child.



1 | 6 Give **two** reasons why some religious couples choose to have children. (2 marks)

1 | 7 Explain briefly what is meant by the term 'Pro-Choice'. (2 marks)

1 | 8 'Religious believers are wrong to oppose abortion if it is likely that the baby will have a poor quality of life.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)

1 | 9 Explain why some religious people believe that abortion is always wrong. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. (5 marks)

2 | 0 'Life does not begin until birth.'

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)

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Question 5 Religion, War and Peace

Look at the photograph below, which shows an injured man being rescued from the battlefield.



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 Name **two** organisations which help victims of war. (2 marks)

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 Explain briefly what is meant by justice. (2 marks)

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 'All religious believers should campaign for peace.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)

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 Explain the criteria (rules) for a Just War. (5 marks)

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 'Countries which have nuclear weapons should get rid of them.'
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 Religion and Young People

Look at the photograph below, which shows children at a faith school in India.



- 2 6** Give **two** reasons why some parents choose to send their children to a faith school. (2 marks)
- 2 7** Explain briefly what is meant by the term 'secular society'. (2 marks)
- 2 8** 'Following a religion limits a young person's freedom of choice.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 2 9** Explain the benefits for young people of belonging to a religion. You may use examples in your answer. (5 marks)
- 3 0** 'Every child should have a religious birth ceremony.'
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)

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