GCSE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES A
Paper 1B

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 8062/1B.
• Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
• In Section A there are two Christian religions. You should choose one religion from Section A. You should answer all questions on the religion you have chosen.
• In Section B there are five religions. You should choose one religion from Section B. You should answer all questions on the religion you have chosen.
• There are ten parts to the questions for each religion.

Information
• The maximum mark for this paper is 101.
• The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
• Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) will be assessed in the 12 mark questions. 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 50 minutes on each religion.
Question 1: Christianity

If you answer Question 2: Catholic Christianity you cannot answer this question.

Beliefs

01. Which one of the following is the book in the Bible in which the story of Creation can be found?
   A) Exodus      B) Genesis          C) Proverbs      D) Revelation
   [1 mark]

01. Give two qualities which Christians believe describe the nature of God.
   [2 marks]

01. Explain two ways in which belief in the resurrection of Jesus influences Christians today.
   [4 marks]

01. Explain two Christian teachings about judgement. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.
   [5 marks]

01. ‘If God were loving, there would be no suffering in the world.’
   Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:
   • refer to Christian teaching
   • give developed arguments to support this statement
   • give developed arguments to support a different point of view
   • reach a justified conclusion.
   [12 marks]
   Plus SPaG 5 Marks

Practices

01. Which one of the following is the sacrament that commemorates Jesus’ last supper?
   A) Marriage       B) Baptism          C) Eucharist            D) Sunday
Give two examples of the work of the Church in the local community.

Explain two contrasting ways in which the eucharist (Holy Communion) is celebrated in Christianity.

Explain two ways in which Christian street pastors carry out their Christian duty. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer.

‘The best way for Christians to reach an understanding of God is by practising prayer.’

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:
- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.
Question 2: Catholic Christianity

If you answer Question 1: Christianity you cannot answer this question.

Beliefs

02.1 Which one of the following is the sacrament in which a young adult becomes a full member of the Church?

A) Matrimony  B) Reconciliation  C) Confirmation  D) Prayer  

[1 mark]

02.2 Give two beliefs about human beings found in the Genesis creation stories. 

[2 marks]

02.3 Explain two ways in which belief in the resurrection of Jesus influences Christians today. 

[4 marks]

02.4 Explain two Christian teachings about the Incarnation of Jesus. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. 

[5 marks]

02.5 ‘The Eucharist is the only sacrament Catholic Christians need.’

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

• refer to Catholic teaching
• give developed arguments to support this statement
• give developed arguments to support a different point of view
• reach a justified conclusion. 

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 Marks

Practices

02.6 Which one of the following is a Catholic agency?

A) Childline  B) Cafod  C) Shelter  D) Oxfam  

[1 mark]

02.7 Give two aims of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP). 

[2 marks]

02.8 Explain two contrasting Christian views about the importance of pilgrimage. 

[4 marks]
02.9

Explain two ways in which the Rosary is important in Catholic worship. Refer to Catholic teaching in your answer.

[5 marks]

2.10

‘The best way for Catholics to reach an understanding of God is by practising prayer.’

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Catholic teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 Marks
Section B

Choose ONE religion from this section.

Question 3: Buddhism

Beliefs

0 3 . 1 Which one of the following is the book which contains stories from the life of the Buddha?

A) Jataka Tales B) Dhammapada C) Tipitaka D) Pali Canon

[1 mark]

0 3 . 2 Give two reasons why Buddha rejected his life of wealth.

[2 marks]

0 3 . 3 Explain two ways in which learning about the life of the Buddha influences Buddhists today.

[4 marks]

0 3 . 4 Explain two Buddhist teachings about nibbana / nirvana.
Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.

[5 marks]

0 3 . 5 For Buddhists, ‘impermanence (anicca) is the most important of the Three Marks of Existence.’

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:
- refer to Buddhist teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 Marks

Practices

0 3 . 6 Which of the following is a Buddhist festival?

A) Parinirvana B) Holi C) Anicca D) Dukkha

[1 mark]
03.7 Give two of the five moral precepts. [2 marks]

03.8 Explain two contrasting Buddhist rituals associated with death and mourning. [4 marks]

03.9 Explain two ways in which shrines are important in Buddhist worship. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. [5 marks]

3.10 ‘The best way to understand the Buddha’s teachings about the Three Marks of Existence is by meditating.’

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:
• refer to Buddhist teaching
• give developed arguments to support this statement
• give developed arguments to support a different point of view
• reach a justified conclusion. [12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 Marks
Question 4: Hinduism

Beliefs

1. Which one of the following deities is one of the tri-murti?
   A) Ganesh  B) Lakshmi  C) Brahma  D) Saraswastri
   [1 mark]

2. Give two of the features of the divine.
   [2 marks]

3. Explain two ways in which practising ahimsa (non-violence) influences Hindus today.
   [4 marks]

4. Explain two Hindu teachings about Moksha. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.
   [5 marks]

5. ‘An understanding of Brahman is important for all Hindus.’
   Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:
   - refer to Hindu teaching
   - give developed arguments to support this statement
   - give developed arguments to support a different point of view
   - reach a justified conclusion.
   [12 marks]
   Plus SPaG 5 Marks

Practices

6. Which of the following is a Hindu form of worship?
   A) Veda  B) Havan  C) Smrti  D) Murti
   [1 mark]

7. Give two types of yoga practised in Hinduism.
   [2 marks]

8. Explain two contrasting ways in which the divine is presented in Hinduism.
   [4 marks]

9. State and explain two ways in which shrines are important in Hinduism. Refer to Hindu teaching in your answer.
   [5 marks]
4. 10  ‘The best way for Hindus to reach an understanding of Brahman is by meditating.’

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:
- refer to Hindu teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 Marks
Question 5: Islam

Beliefs

05.1 Which one of the following best describes the meaning of Tawhid?
   A) Prophethood       B) Justice       C) Life after Death       D) Oneness of God
   [1 mark]

05.2 Name two of the Holy books, other than the Qur'an.
   [2 marks]

05.3 Explain two ways in which a belief in life after death influences Muslims today.
   [4 marks]

05.4 Explain two Muslim teachings about angels.
   Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.
   [5 marks]

05.5 ‘To describe God as ‘omnipotent’ is the best way to understand God.’
   • Refer to Muslim teaching
   • give developed arguments to support this statement
   • give developed arguments to support a different point of view
   • reach a justified conclusion.
   [12 marks]

   Plus SPaG 5 Marks

Practices

05.6 Which one of the following is the religious tax paid by Shi’a Muslims?
   A) Khums       B) Zakah       C) Sawm       D) Mosque
   [1 mark]

05.7 Give two ways in which Shi’a Muslims celebrate the festival of Ashura.
   [2 marks]

05.8 Explain two contrasting Muslim understandings of Jihad.
   [4 marks]

05.9 Explain two ways in which the Ka’aba is important in the Muslim Hajj (pilgrimage).
   Refer to Muslim teaching in your answer.
   [5 marks]
5. 10  ‘The best way for Muslims to understand God is to practise salah.’

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:
- refer to Islamic teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 Marks
Question 6: Judaism

Beliefs

06.1 Which word is used to express a belief in God as the Divine Presence?
A) Sefer Torah  B) Tzedakah  C) Shekinah  D) Tenakh

[1 mark]

06.2 Give two of the key moral principles of Judaism.

[2 marks]

06.3 Explain two ways in which the belief that the mitzvot are the commands of God influences Jews today.

[4 marks]

06.4 Explain two Jewish teachings about the Messiah.
Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.

[5 marks]

06.5 ‘The resurrection is not an important Jewish belief.’
Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

• Refer to Jewish teaching
• give developed arguments to support this statement
• give developed arguments to support a different point of view
• reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]
Plus SPaG 5 Marks

Practices

06.6 Which one of the following is the oral law in Judaism?
A) Torah  B) Tefillin  C) Tzitzit  D) Talmud

[1 mark]

06.7 Give two reasons why Jews celebrate Brit Milah.

[2 marks]

06.8 Explain the two contrasting ways in which worship is carried out in orthodox and reform synagogues.

[4 marks]
Explain two ways in which the ark (Aron hakodesh) is important in the synagogue. Refer to Jewish teaching in your answer. [5 marks]

‘The best way for Jews to understand what God is like is by taking part in Jewish family life.’

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:
- refer to Jewish teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 Marks
Question 7: Sikhism

Beliefs

1. Which one of the following is the name of the holy book of Sikhism?
   A) Guru Granth Sahib       B) Sangat           C) Singh       D) Mool Mantra
   [1 mark]

2. Give two examples of how someone might show ‘haumai’.
   [2 marks]

3. Explain two ways in which belief in karma influences Sikhs today.
   [4 marks]

4. Explain two Sikh teachings about God.
   Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.
   [5 marks]

5. ‘For Sikhs, sewa (service to others) is the most important duty.’
   Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:
   - Refer to Sikh teaching
   - Give developed arguments to support this statement
   - Give developed arguments to support a different point of view
   - Reach a justified conclusion.
   [12 marks]

Practices

6. Which one of the following is the festival that celebrates the founding of the khalsa in Sikhism?
   A) Vaisakhi          B) Gurmukh       C) Gurpurb       D) Amrit
   [1 mark]

7. Give two of the 5 Ks of Sikhism.
   [2 marks]

8. Explain two contrasting ways of following the Sikh Path taken by sahajdhari and amritdhari Sikhs.
07.9 Explain two ways in which the takht is important in a Sikh Gurdwara. Refer to Sikh teaching in your answer.

[4 marks]

7.10 ‘The best way for Sikhs to gain an understanding of the nature of God is by meditating on the name of God.’

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:
- refer to Sikh teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 Marks

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