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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B) 30602**  
**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B)(SHORT COURSE)**  
**Unit 2 Key Beliefs, Ultimate Questions and Life Issues**

Thursday 17 May 2007 9.00 am to 10.45 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use blue or black ink or 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 30602.
- Answer **four** questions.  
You must answer **one** question from Section A.  
You must answer **one** question from Section B.  
You must answer **one** question from Section C.  
You must answer **one** question from Section D.
- No more than **two religious traditions** should be used in answer to any **one** question.
- You are advised **not** to use more than **three** religions in the paper as a whole.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 83.
- Three of these marks will be awarded for the Quality of Written Communication.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

**Advice**

- You are advised to spend no more than 25 minutes on each question.

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**SECTION A KEY BELIEFS**

Choose **one** question from **Questions A1 to A7** and answer **all** parts of that question.

There are 20 marks for each question.

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**A1 Buddhism**

- (a) Who became known as the Buddha? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What name is given to the Buddhist idea that everything changes? *(1 mark)*
- (c) What name is given to the eternal state or peace that is beyond suffering? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Give **two** of the Five Moral Precepts. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Name **two** parts of the Eightfold Path. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** things Buddhists might do to help them meditate. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain why the Buddha is important to Buddhists. *(5 marks)*
- (h) 'The best way of following Buddhism is to become a monk or a nun.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

**A2 Christianity**

- (a) How were some shepherds told of the birth of Jesus? *(1 mark)*
- (b) Name the tax collector that Jesus visited in Jericho. *(1 mark)*
- (c) Which disciple betrayed Jesus? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Give **two** reasons why Christians think the Bible is important. *(2 marks)*
- (e) In Luke 18, why did the Rich Man become very sad after hearing what Jesus said to him? *(2 marks)*
- (f) Name the **three** persons of God in the Trinity. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain why Jesus is important to Christians. *(5 marks)*
- (h) 'Holy Communion is the most important act of Christian worship.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

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**A3 Hinduism**

- (a) What is Dharma? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What is Ahimsa? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Name the cycle of life, death and rebirth. *(1 mark)*
- (d) Explain the difference between shruti and smriti scriptures. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** things Hindus believe about Vishnu. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** things Hindus believe about Ganesha. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain the importance of worship in the home for Hindus. *(5 marks)*
- (h) 'The most important aim for Hindus is to break free from the cycle of rebirth.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

**A4 Islam**

- (a) Name the city in which Muhammad was born. *(1 mark)*
- (b) How many times each day are Muslims called to prayer? *(1 mark)*
- (c) What are rak'ahs? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Briefly describe **two** things that Muslims do to celebrate Eid ul Fitr. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** things Muslims believe about the Day of Judgement. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** ways in which Muslims show respect for the Qur'an. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain the importance of Hajj for Muslims. *(5 marks)*
- (h) 'The most important duty of a Muslim is to give to those in need.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

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**A5 Judaism**

- (a) What is celebrated at Rosh Hashanah? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What is repentance? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Who usually welcomes the Sabbath into a Jewish home? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Give **two** special things that are done at home at the end of the Sabbath. *(2 marks)*
- (e) Give **two** reasons why Abraham is important to Jews. *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** ways in which Jews show respect for the Torah. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain what Jews believe about God. *(5 marks)*
- (h) 'Jewish rules about food are not necessary in today's world.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

**A6 Sikhism**

- (a) What is the name given to a Sikh place of worship? *(1 mark)*
- (b) What is the langar? *(1 mark)*
- (c) Which guru completed the building of the Harimandir (Golden Temple)? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Give **two** beliefs about God found in the Mool Mantar (Mantra). *(2 marks)*
- (e) Explain why many Khalsa Sikhs wear Kachera (shorts). *(2 marks)*
- (f) Give **three** ways that Sikhs show respect to the Guru Granth Sahib. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain why Guru Gobind Singh is important to Sikhs. *(5 marks)*
- (h) 'Meditation on God's name is the most important part of Sikh worship.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

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**A7 Christian Ethics: Attitudes to Love and Forgiveness**

- (a) Jesus said that the first commandment was to love God. What did he say was the second commandment? *(1 mark)*
- (b) Name the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. *(1 mark)*
- (c) The Pharisees said that the woman caught in adultery should be stoned to death. What did Jesus reply? *(1 mark)*
- (d) Why did some teachers of the law complain about what Jesus said to the paralysed man? *(2 marks)*
- (e) What is the difference between Eros and Philia love? *(2 marks)*
- (f) From the Parable of the Prodigal Son, give **three** things that the father did to show that he had forgiven his youngest son. *(3 marks)*
- (g) Explain the importance for Christians today of Jesus' teaching about love. *(5 marks)*
- (h) 'It is impossible to always forgive people.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Jesus' teaching in your answer. *(5 marks)*

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**SECTION B QUESTIONS OF MEANING**

Answer **EITHER** Question B8 **OR** Question B9.

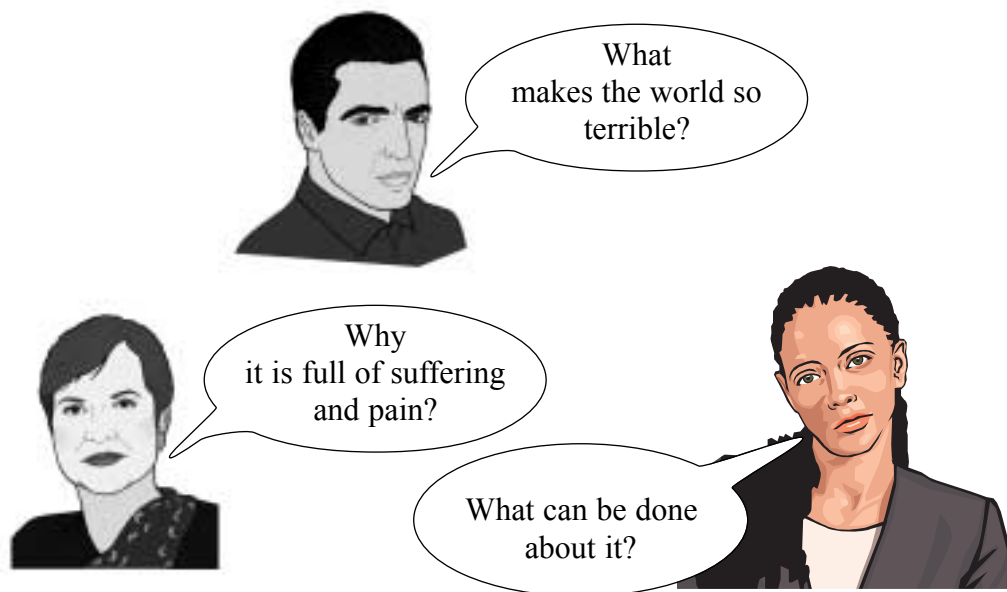
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**EITHER****B8 Suffering**

Look at the drawings below.



- (a) Describe, using examples, different types of suffering that exist in the world. (5 marks)
- (b)
  - (i) Explain why some religious people believe that personal suffering could be a good thing. (5 marks)
  - (ii) Explain how religious people might help those who are suffering. (5 marks)
- (c) 'God does not cause suffering.'

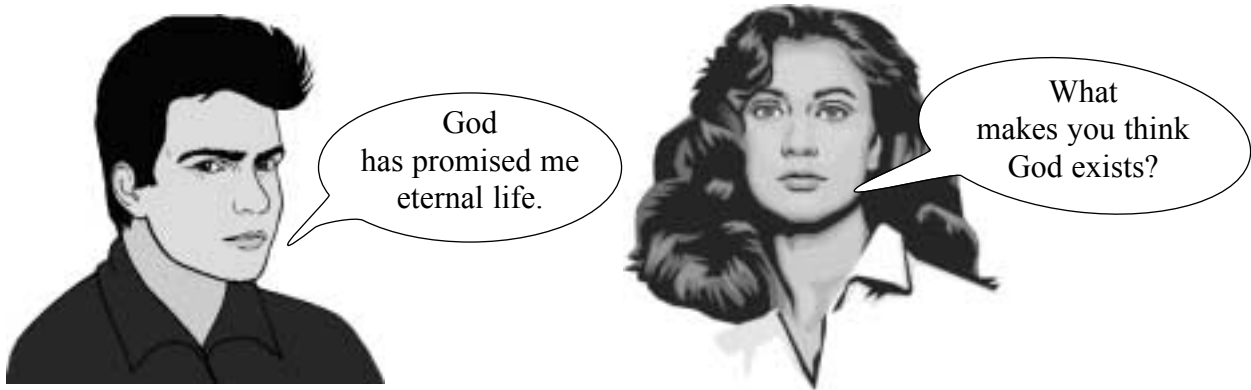
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. (5 marks)

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**OR**

**B9 Belief in God and Life After Death**

Look at the drawings below.



- (a) Explain why some people believe in God. *(5 marks)*
- (b) (i) Explain why some people believe that there is life after death. *(5 marks)*
- (ii) Explain how believing in life after death might affect the way believers live their lives. *(5 marks)*
- (c) 'It is hard to believe in life after death in today's 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. *(5 marks)*

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**SECTION C LIFE ISSUES**

Answer **EITHER** Question C10 **OR** Question C11.

No more than **two** religions should be used in answer to any one question.

Each question carries 20 marks.

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**EITHER****C10 War, Peace and Prejudice**

Look at the pictures below.

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- (a) Explain what religious people mean by Holy War. *(5 marks)*
- (b)
  - (i) Explain why some religious believers are pacifists. *(5 marks)*
  - (ii) Explain why religious believers might try to stop prejudice. *(5 marks)*
- (c) 'It is impossible to stop prejudice.'

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. *(5 marks)*



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**OR**

**C11 Abortion**

Look at the pictures below.



- (a) Explain the difference between the quality of life and the sanctity of life. *(5 marks)*
- (b)
  - (i) Explain why some religious believers are against abortion. *(5 marks)*
  - (ii) Explain why some religious believers may accept abortion. *(5 marks)*
- (c) 'It is wrong to stop women choosing to have an abortion.'

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. *(5 marks)*

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**SECTION D LIFE ISSUES**

Answer **EITHER** Question D12 **OR** Question D13.

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There are 20 marks for each question.

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**EITHER****D12 Planet Earth**

Look at the illustration below.



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- (a) Explain, using examples, how some people are damaging the planet. (4 marks)
- (b)
  - (i) Explain the religious teachings that encourage believers to care for the environment. (4 marks)
  - (ii) Explain what believers might do to protect the planet. (7 marks)
- (c) 'Caring for the environment is the most important thing that a religious believer can do.'

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. (5 marks)

**OR**

**D13 Animal Rights**

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- (a) Explain how humans are different from animals. *(4 marks)*
- (b)
  - (i) Explain the religious teachings that encourage believers to care for animals. *(4 marks)*
  - (ii) Explain the attitudes of religious people towards factory farming animals and using them for food. *(7 marks)*
- (c) 'All animal testing should be banned.'

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. *(5 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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