

# GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 1A

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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 8062/1A.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- Choose two of the following:
  - Christianity
  - Catholic Christianity
  - Buddhism
  - Hinduism
  - Islam
  - Sikhism
- There are ten parts to the questions for each religion.
- You must NOT answer on BOTH Christianity AND Catholic Christianity.

## 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.

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**Question 1: Christianity**

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

**Beliefs**

**0 1** . **1** Which **one** of the following is the idea that God is three-in-one?

- A) Atonement
- B) Incarnation
- C) Salvation
- D) Trinity

[1 mark]

**0 1** . **2** Give **two** reasons why the disciples believed Jesus was alive after his resurrection.

[2 marks]

**0 1** . **3** Explain **two** ways in which the belief that God is just influences Christians today.

[4 marks]

**0 1** . **4** Explain **two** Christian teachings about the means of salvation.

Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.

[5 marks]

**0 1** . **5** 'The Bible tells Christians all they need to know about God's creation.'

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**

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**Practices**

- 0 1 . 6** Which **one** of the following is **not** a way that Christians celebrate the festival of Easter?
- A) A nativity play  
B) A sunrise service  
C) Lighting the Paschal candle  
D) Painting eggs
- [1 mark]
- 0 1 . 7** Give **two** ways in which Christian churches respond to persecution.
- [2 marks]
- 0 1 . 8** Explain **two** contrasting examples of Christian pilgrimage.
- [4 marks]
- 0 1 . 9** Explain **two** ways in which a worldwide Christian relief organisation carries out its mission overseas. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer.
- [5 marks]
- 1 . 1 0** 'Private worship has more meaning for a Christian than public worship.'
- 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**

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**Question 2: Catholic Christianity**

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

**Beliefs**

**0 2** . **1** Which **one** of the following is **not** a belief about life after death?

- A) Judgement
- B) Purgatory
- C) Reconciliation
- D) Resurrection

[1 mark]

**0 2** . **2** Give **two** ways in which the sacrament of matrimony can influence the lives of the couple who are getting married.

[2 marks]

**0 2** . **3** Explain **two** ways in which the Eucharist influences the lives of Christians.

[4 marks]

**0 2** . **4** Explain **two** Catholic teachings about redemption.

Refer to scripture or sacred texts in your answer.

[5 marks]

**0 2** . **5** 'The Bible verse "I am putting you in charge" (Genesis 1:28) provides all the guidance Christians need about their relationship with creation.'

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**

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**Practices**

**0 2 . 6** Which **one** of the following is a reason that some Catholics pray the Stations of the Cross?

- A) Praying the Stations helps them think about Jesus' teaching.
- B) Praying the Stations helps them to follow Jesus' journey to his death
- C) Praying the Stations help them to think of Jesus' forty days in the desert.
- D) Praying the Stations helps to remind them of when Jesus was born.

[1 mark]

**0 2 . 7** Give **two** religious actions that take place during a Catholic funeral service.

[2 marks]

**0 2 . 8** Explain **two** contrasting Christian views about the importance of informal prayer.

[4 marks]

**0 2 . 9** Explain **two** reasons why a Catholic agency such as Cafod, Trocaire or Missio carries out its work.

Refer to Catholic teaching in your answer.

[5 marks]

**2 . 1 0** 'Evangelism is the most important duty for Catholics in Britain today.'

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**

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**Question 3: Buddhism****Beliefs**

**0 3** . **1** Which **one** of the following is one of the Three Marks of Existence?

- A) Anatta
- B) Dhamma (dharma)
- C) Nibbana (nirvana)
- D) Sunyata

[1 mark]

**0 3** . **2** Give **two** of the four signs that the Buddha saw.

[2 marks]

**0 3** . **3** Explain **two** ways in which the Buddha's ascetic life influenced his later teaching.

[4 marks]

**0 3** . **4** Explain **two** Buddhist teachings about the causes of suffering.

Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.

[5 marks]

**0 3** . **5** 'It is better to be a Bodhisattva than an Arhat (a perfected person).'

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**

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**Practices**

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

- A) Samatha
- B) Theravada
- C) Vipassana
- D) Wesak

[1 mark]

**0 3** . **7** Give **two** types of Buddhist meditation.

[2 marks]

**0 3** . **8** Explain **two** contrasting aims of Buddhist meditation.

[4 marks]

**0 3** . **9** Explain **two** ways in which death ceremonies are important to Buddhists in Tibet.

Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer.

[5 marks]

**3** . **1 0** 'The five precepts are impossible to live by.'

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**

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**Question 4: Hinduism****Beliefs**

**0 4** . **1** Which **one** of the following is one of the Tri-murti?

- A) Atman
- B) Ganesha
- C) Krishna
- D) Shiva

[1 mark]

**0 4** . **2** Name **two** of the four Hindu aims of life.

[2 marks]

**0 4** . **3** Explain **two** ways in which a belief in karma influences the way Hindus live their lives.

[4 marks]

**0 4** . **4** Explain **two** Hindu teachings about the origin of the world.

Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.

[5 marks]

**0 4** . **5** 'Sanatana dharma rules the lives of 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**

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**Practices**

**0 4 . 6** Which **one** of the following is a Hindu festival?

- A) Darshan
- B) Diwali
- C) Puja
- D) Varanasi

**0 4 . 7** Give **two** places of Hindu worship.

[2 marks]

**0 4 . 8** Explain **two** contrasting paths towards yoga (union with the divine).

[4 marks]

**0 4 . 9** Explain **two** reasons why the festival of Holi is important for Hindus.

Refer to Hindu teaching in your answer.

[5 marks]

**4 . 1 0** 'Going on pilgrimage is the most important act that Hindus will perform in their lifetime.'

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**

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**Question 5: Islam****Beliefs**

**0 5** . **1** Which **one** of the following is the meaning of Adalat?

- A) Judgement
- B) Justice
- C) Omnipotence
- D) Predestination

**[1 mark]**

**0 5** . **2** Name **two** angels that are mentioned in the Qur'an.

**[2 marks]**

**0 5** . **3** Explain **two** ways in which belief about heaven and hell influence Muslims today.

**[4 marks]**

**0 5** . **4** Explain **two** Muslim teachings about Tawhid (the Oneness of God).

Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.

**[5 marks]**

**0 5** . **5** 'Greater Jihad is more important than lesser Jihad.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- 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**

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**Practices**

**0 5** . **6** Which **one** of the following is the month in which Muslims must fast?

- A) Ashura
- B) Khums
- C) Ramadan
- D) Zakah

[1 mark]

**0 5** . **7** Give **two** rituals that Muslims perform during Salah.

[2 marks]

**0 5** . **8** Explain **two** contrasting understandings of Salah.

[4 marks]

**0 5** . **9** Explain **two** ways in which Muslims celebrate the festival of Id-ul-Adha.

Refer to Muslim teaching in your answer.

[5 marks]

**5** . **1 0** 'Completing the hajj is the most important duty for a Muslim.'

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**

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**Question 6: Judaism****Beliefs**

**0 6** . **1** Which **one** of the following is used by Jews to describe God's nature?

- A) Merciful
- B) Messiah
- C) Mitzvot
- D) Shabbat

[1 mark]

**0 6** . **2** Give **two** reasons why the promised land is important to Jews.

[2 marks]

**0 6** . **3** Explain **two** ways in which the Ten Commandments influence Jews today.

[4 marks]

**0 6** . **4** Explain **two** Jewish teachings about the sanctity of human life.

Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.

[5 marks]

**0 6** . **5** 'Free will means that Jews can behave however they like.'

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**

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**Practices**

- 0 6** . **6** Which **one** of the following is used to describe the ever burning light in the synagogue?
- A) Bimah  
B) Aron Hakodesh  
C) Ner Tamid  
D) Menorah
- [1 mark]
- 0 6** . **7** Give **two** reasons why Jews might prefer to worship in a synagogue rather than at home.
- [2 marks]
- 0 6** . **8** Explain **two** contrasting ways in which worship is carried out in Orthodox and non-Orthodox synagogues.
- [4 marks]
- 0 6** . **9** Explain **two** ways in which dietary laws are important to Jews.
- Refer to Jewish teaching in your answer.
- [5 marks]
- 6** . **1 0** 'Observing Jewish rituals in the home is the best way for a Jewish child to learn about Judaism.'
- 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**

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**Question 7: Sikhism****Beliefs**

**0 7** . **1** Which **one** of the following started the Sikh faith?

- A) Guru Gobind Singh
- B) Guru Nanak
- C) Guru Granth Sahib
- D) Gurmukh

[1 mark]

**0 7** . **2** Give **two** ways in which God as creator is understood by Sikhs.

[2 marks]

**0 7** . **3** Explain **two** contrasting ways in which a belief in the aim of mukti influences the behaviour of Sikhs today.

[4 marks]

**0 7** . **4** Explain **two** ways in which the oneness of humanity is expressed in the stories of the lives of the Gurus.

[5 marks]

**0 7** . **5** 'In Sikhism, the main aim of human life is to unite with 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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**Practices**

**0 7 . 6** Which **one** of the following refers to the continuous reading of the Guru Granth Sahib?

- A) Akhand Path
- B) Kaur
- C) Langar
- D) Sewa

[1 mark]

**0 7 . 7** Give **two** features of the gurdwara.

[2 marks]

**0 7 . 8** Explain **two** contrasting ways in which gurburbs are celebrated in India and Great Britain.

[4 marks]

**0 7 . 9** Explain **two** reasons why it is important to visit Sikh historical gurdwaras, especially the Golden Temple at Amritsar.

[5 marks]

**7 . 1 0** 'For Sikhs in Great Britain, festivals are the most important aspects of the Sikh faith.'

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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