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Religious Studies **40553**
(Specification B)
Religious Studies (Specification B)
(Short Course)

Unit 3 Religion and Morality

Monday 23 May 2011 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 40553.
- 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, to organise information clearly and to 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

Religious Attitudes to Matters of Life (Medical Ethics)

Look at the photograph below.



- 0 | 1** Explain briefly what is meant by surrogacy. *(2 marks)*
- 0 | 2** Explain why many religious believers disagree with surrogacy. *(3 marks)*
- 0 | 3** 'Using fertility treatment is against God's wishes.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 0 | 4** Explain religious attitudes to embryology. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. *(4 marks)*
- 0 | 5** 'Cloning should never be allowed.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. *(6 marks)*

Question 2

Religious Attitudes to the Elderly and Death

Look at the picture below.



- 0 6** Explain briefly what is meant by passive euthanasia. (2 marks)
- 0 7** Explain **one** religious belief about life after death. (3 marks)
- 0 8** 'Only God should decide when a person dies.'
 What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 9** Explain religious attitudes to the way the elderly should be treated. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. (4 marks)
- 1 0** 'Life support machines should never be used.'
 Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing 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

Religious Attitudes to Drug Abuse

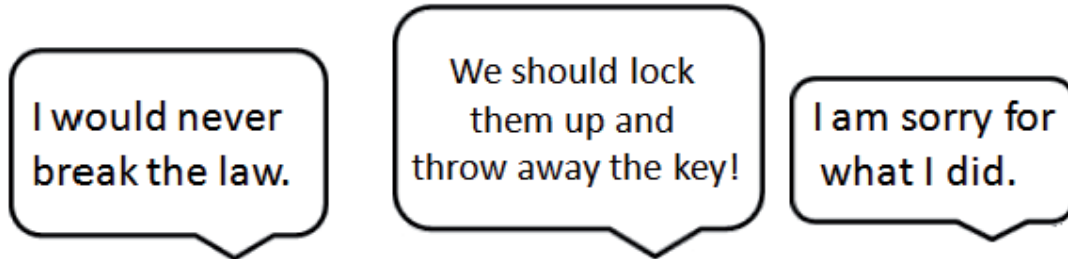
Look at the photograph below.



- 1 1** Give **two** reasons why some people use illegal drugs. (2 marks)
- 1 2** Explain why religious believers disagree with drink driving. (3 marks)
- 1 3** 'Religious believers should not smoke tobacco.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 1 4** Explain religious beliefs and teachings about the mind and body. (4 marks)
- 1 5** 'People who take illegal drugs should be punished.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. (6 marks)

Question 4**Religious Attitudes to Crime and Punishment**

Read the words in the speech bubbles.



- 1 | 6** Explain briefly what is meant by repentance. *(2 marks)*
- 1 | 7** Explain why many religious believers agree with the use of prison to punish offenders. *(3 marks)*
- 1 | 8** 'Religious believers should always follow their conscience.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 1 | 9** Explain attitudes to religious offences. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. *(4 marks)*
- 2 | 0** 'Reformation is the most important aim of punishment.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing 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**Religious Attitudes to Rich and Poor in British Society**

Look at the picture below.



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 Give **two** reasons why a person living in Britain may be poor. *(2 marks)*
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 Describe the work of an organisation which helps the poor in Britain. *(3 marks)*
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 'Religious people should not gamble with their money.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
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 Explain religious beliefs and teachings about wealth. *(4 marks)*
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 'The poor in Britain should take care of themselves.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. *(6 marks)*

Question 6

Religious Attitudes to World Poverty

Look at the picture below



- 2 | 6** Give **two** ways in which a religious believer can help to care for the poor in developing countries. *(2 marks)*
- 2 | 7** Explain how unfair trade makes world poverty worse. *(3 marks)*
- 2 | 8** 'All religious believers should help the poor in developing countries.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 2 | 9** Explain religious beliefs and teachings that may persuade a believer to show compassion to the poor. *(4 marks)*
- 3 | 0** 'War is the greatest problem for poor people.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. *(6 marks)*

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