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## Religious Studies (Specification B)

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

### Unit 5 Religious Expression in Society

Thursday 11 June 2015 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 **Paper Reference** is 40555.
- 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 (**SPaG**). This will be assessed in parts 05, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30. The mark is 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.

There are 18 marks for each question.

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

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

### Question 1 Religion and Art

Look at the photograph. It shows calligraphy.



**0 1** 'No one can understand religious calligraphy.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion.

[3 marks]

**0 2** Explain briefly **one way** that religious art might have a spiritual impact on non-believers.

[2 marks]

**0 3** Explain what **one** religious statue you have studied teaches about the spirituality of the sculptor.

[3 marks]

**0 4** Explain the symbolism in **one** religious painting you have studied.

[4 marks]

**0 5** 'Religious icons should be the focus of worship.'

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 Architecture

Look at the photograph. It shows a monument.



**0 6** 'Monuments should always contain a religious message.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion.

[3 marks]

**0 7** Explain why many religious believers think it is important to worship in a religious building.

[4 marks]

**0 8** Explain briefly **one way** in which it is possible to see that gravestones are religious objects.

[2 marks]

**0 9** Explain how revelation(s) might influence the creation of edifices.

[3 marks]

**1 0** 'Religious architecture should be designed to teach people about God.'

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 Literature

Look at the photograph. It shows a woman reading a holy book.



- 1 1** 'Holy books should be the only literature used in worship.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 1 2** Explain briefly **one way** in which books written by famous believers might influence non-believers. **[2 marks]**
- 1 3** Explain what **one** holy book you have studied teaches about God. **[4 marks]**
- 1 4** Explain how religious poems might inspire believers. **[3 marks]**
- 1 5** 'Religious literature is easy to understand.'  
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 Media**

Look at the photograph. It shows someone watching a TV programme.



- 1 | 6** 'Watching TV cannot make someone feel spiritual.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 1 | 7** Explain how religious documentaries might help to strengthen the faith of a religious believer. [3 marks]
- 1 | 8** Explain briefly **one** reason why the internet might be used for worship. [2 marks]
- 1 | 9** Explain the religious message(s) in **one** religious film you have studied. [4 marks]
- 2 | 0** 'Religious newspapers can have no influence on 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]

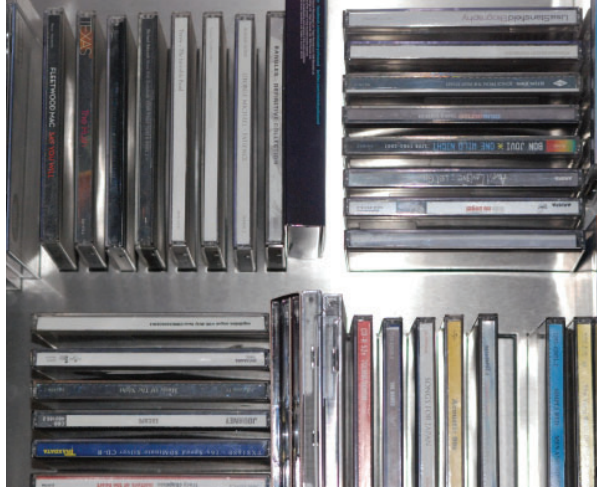
[SPaG: 4 marks]

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### Question 5 Religion and Music

Look at the photograph. It shows CDs in a rack.



- 2 1** 'In mainstream music, there is more blasphemy than spirituality.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 2 2** Explain how the religious beliefs of the composer are shown in **one** piece of mainstream music you have studied. [3 marks]
- 2 3** Explain briefly **one way** that chanting may be used in worship. [2 marks]
- 2 4** Explain how hymns can strengthen faith. [4 marks]
- 2 5** 'Music is the best way for a person to show their religious beliefs.'  
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 in Contemporary Society

Look at the photograph. It shows a Buddhist monk.



- 2 6** 'Only monks show full commitment to their faith.'  
 What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 2 7** Explain why religious believers attend public acts of worship. [4 marks]
- 2 8** Explain briefly the meaning of **one** religious symbol. [2 marks]
- 2 9** Explain how religious believers benefit from belonging to a religion. [3 marks]
- 3 0** 'It is not easy to express spirituality in the modern 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. [6 marks]
- [SPaG: 4 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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