



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

40553

Unit 3 Religion and Morality

Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards

This question paper uses the [new numbering system](#) and [new AQA answer book](#)

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.

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Answer **four** questions.

There are 18 marks for each question.

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

Question 1 Religious Attitudes to Matters of Life (Medical Ethics)

Look at the photograph below.

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0 1 Name **two** artificial methods of conception. (2 marks)

0 2 Give **three** reasons why some religious people believe that embryo research is wrong. (3 marks)

0 3 'Religious believers should not be surrogate parents.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)

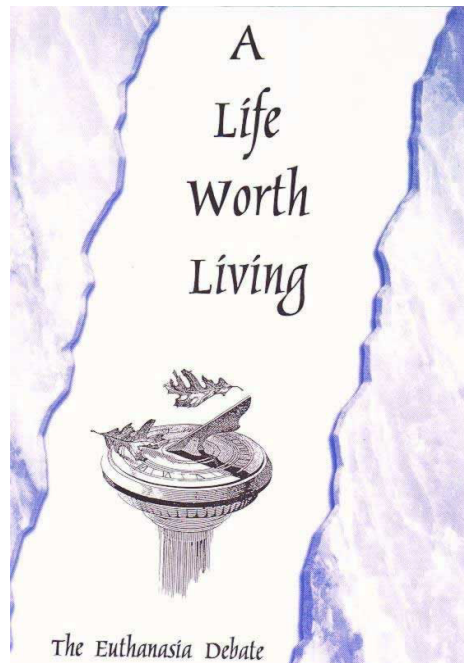
0 4 Explain the attitudes of religious believers to blood transfusions. (4 marks)

0 5 'If a couple cannot have children naturally, they should accept that they will never be parents.'

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)

Question 2 Religious Attitudes to the Elderly and Death

Look at the poster below.



0 6 Name **two** types of euthanasia. (2 marks)

0 7 Explain the attitudes of religious believers to euthanasia. (4 marks)

0 8 'Religion provides comfort for the dying.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)

0 9 Give **three** reasons why some religious people support the work of a hospice. (3 marks)

1 0 'Senior citizens are the most important members of society.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. (6 marks)

Question 3 Religious Attitudes to Drug Abuse

Look at the statement below.

You pay for illegal drugs twice – once when you get them and once when they get you.

1 1 Name **two** illegal drugs. *(2 marks)*

1 2 Give **three** reasons why some people take illegal drugs. *(3 marks)*

1 3 'Religious believers should not use any drugs.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*

1 4 Explain the attitudes of religious believers to smoking tobacco. *(4 marks)*

1 5 'Anyone who uses illegal drugs should be punished.'
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)*

Question 4 Religious Attitudes to Crime and Punishment

Look at the photograph below.



1 6 Name **two** aims of punishment. (2 marks)

1 7 Give **three** reasons why some people break the law. (3 marks)

1 8 'Crime prevention is a major priority for religious believers.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)

1 9 Explain the attitudes of religious believers to the death penalty (capital punishment). (4 marks)

2 0 'All prisoners should serve their full sentence.'

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)

Question 5 Religious Attitudes to the Rich and Poor in British Society

Look at the drawing below.



2 | 1 Name **two** ways that the government helps the poor. (2 marks)

2 | 2 Give **three** reasons why a religious person might choose **not** to take part in lotteries. (3 marks)

2 | 3 'Religious people have no responsibility to help the poor.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)

2 | 4 Explain the attitudes of religious believers to those who are homeless. (4 marks)

2 | 5 'There is nothing wrong with being wealthy.'

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)

Question 6 Religious Attitudes to World Poverty

Look at the photograph below.



2 | 6 Name **two** religious charities that help the poor in Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs). *(2 marks)*

2 | 7 Give **three** ways that show how the poor in Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs) are treated unfairly. *(3 marks)*

2 | 8 'Religious organisations should concentrate on long term aid rather than short term (emergency) aid.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*

2 | 9 Explain the attitudes of religious believers to those who live in poverty in Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs). *(4 marks)*

3 | 0 'Poverty is too big a problem for religious believers to solve.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(6 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS