

Religious Studies (Specification B) -full course

Paper 4 Truth, Spirituality and Contemporary Issues

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink
- Complete the boxes at the top of the page.
- You must answer **Question 1** in Section A
- In Section B, you should answer **any 3** questions chosen from **Questions 2 to 7**.
- Write your answers to Question 1 in the spaces provided in this booklet.
- Write your answers to all other questions on file paper attached.
- If you need extra paper ask.

Information

- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be awarded up to 3 marks for quality of writing.

Advice

- You are advised to not spend more than 25 minutes on each question

Question	Mark
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
QWC	
total	

Section A

Truth and Spirituality

Answer **Question 1** in the spaces provided

A1 Truth and Spirituality

Total for this question : 20 marks

Read the following statements and then answer the questions below.

Statement A

I'm religious. My holy book and my conscience tell me what's true.

Statement B

The only truth is what science can prove. Belonging to a religion.

Statement C

There is more to life than science can prove. People are more than just machines. I'm not religious but I think we all have a spiritual side.

a) Look at statement A.

Give one example of a holy book.

.....
.....

(1 mark)

b) Look at statement A.

What is meant by conscience?

.....
.....
.....
.....

(2 marks)

c) Look at statement B.

How does science prove something is true?

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

(4 marks)

d) Look at statement B

How would a religious believer argue against the idea that belonging to a religion is a waste of time?

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

(4 marks)

e) Look at statement C.

Explain why it might be said that all people have a spiritual side.

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

(4 marks)

f) “The only truth is what science can prove.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious teachings in your answer.

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

(5 marks)

Section B

Answer **all** parts of **any 3** questions from **Questions 2 to 7**.

B2 Matters of Life

Total for this question: 20 marks

- a) Explain what is meant by in vitro fertilisation and why it is used. (5 marks)
- b) Explain what is meant by cloning and the relevance of religious beliefs to this issue. (10 marks)
- c) “ There is nothing wrong with using human embryos for medical research.”

How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious teachings in your answer. (5 marks)

B3 Matters of Death

Total for this question: 20 marks

- a) Explain the work of a hospice. (5 marks)
- b) How might religious teachings and beliefs influence a person’s decision about euthanasia? (10 marks)
- c) “People have the right to decide for themselves whether they should live or die”.
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious teachings in your answer. (5 marks)

**B4 Drug abuse
marks**

Total for this question: 20

- a) Explain some of the reasons people give for taking drugs. (5 marks)
- b) Explain religious attitudes towards alcohol **and** illegal drugs. (10 marks)
- c) “ The law should not get involved in personal matters like taking drugs.”

How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious teachings in your answer. (5 marks)

B5 Media and technology**Total for this question: 20 marks**

- a) Explain the concerns which religious people might have about tabloid newspapers. (5 marks)
- b) Explain why religious parents might control the television viewing of their children (10 marks)
- c) “The media ignore people’s spiritual needs.”

How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious teachings in your answer. (5 marks)

B6 Crime and Punishment**Total for this question: 20 marks**

- a) Explain why religious people might sometimes consider it right to break the law. (5 marks)
- b) Explain religious attitudes towards criminals. (10 marks)
- c) “ Execution is less degrading and inhuman than keeping someone locked up in prison for life.”

How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious teachings in your answer. (5 marks)

B7 Rich and Poor in Society**Total for this question: 20 marks**

- a) Explain the problems that might be faced by someone who suddenly becomes very rich. (5 marks)
- b) Explain religious attitudes towards wealth and possessions. (10 marks)
- c) “ It is wrong for a few people to be rich while many are poor.”

How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious teachings in your answer. (5 marks)