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**Religious Studies** **40552**  
**(Specification B)**  
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**(Short Course)**

**Unit 2 Religion and Life Issues**

Thursday 15 May 2014 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

**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 40552.
- 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.

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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 chosen.

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

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### Question 1 Religion and Animal Rights

Look at the photograph.



- 0 1** Name **two** different sports in which animals are used. **[2 marks]**
- 0 2** Describe what religious believers might do to help to protect wildlife. **[3 marks]**
- 0 3** 'Religious believers should never support using animals for work.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 0 4** Explain why some religious believers think that human life is more valuable than animal life. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. **[4 marks]**
- 0 5** 'There is nothing wrong with experimenting on animals.'  
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 Planet Earth

Look at the photograph. It shows a forest being cut down.



- 0 | 6** Give **two** examples of the effects of deforestation. [2 marks]
- 0 | 7** Describe what religious believers might do to reduce pollution. [3 marks]
- 0 | 8** 'International action is more important than following religious teachings about planet Earth.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 0 | 9** Explain religious attitudes to the use of the Earth's natural resources. [4 marks]
- 1 | 0** 'Having a good lifestyle is more important than caring for the planet.'
- 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]

Turn over for the next question

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### Question 3 Religion and Prejudice

Look at the photograph. It shows a person campaigning for women's rights.



- 1 | 1** Give **two** examples of the effects of prejudice. [2 marks]
- 1 | 2** Explain why many religious believers are against discrimination. [3 marks]
- 1 | 3** 'A person who is true to their religious beliefs would never be prejudiced.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. [3 marks]
- 1 | 4** Describe the work of a religious believer who has fought against prejudice. [4 marks]
- 1 | 5** 'Most prejudice is caused by ignorance.'  
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 Early Life

Look at the photograph. It shows a mother-to-be holding an ultrasound image of her unborn baby.



- 1 | 6** Give **two** different ideas religious people might have about when human life begins. **[2 marks]**
- 1 | 7** Explain why many religious believers see children as a gift from God. **[3 marks]**
- 1 | 8** 'Religious believers should encourage adoption rather than abortion.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 1 | 9** Explain the conditions in UK Law that are used to decide if a legal abortion can take place. **[4 marks]**
- 2 | 0** 'Abortion should be allowed only if the mother's life is in danger.'  
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]**

**Turn over for the next question**

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**Question 5 Religion, War and Peace**

Look at the photograph. It shows a military hospital.



- 2 | 1** Explain what religious believers might do to help victims of war. **[3 marks]**
- 2 | 2** Give **two** examples of conflicts between countries. **[2 marks]**
- 2 | 3** 'Holy Wars should not happen.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 2 | 4** Explain why some religious believers are pacifists. Refer to religious beliefs and teachings in your answer. **[4 marks]**
- 2 | 5** 'There can never be peace everywhere in the 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]**

## Question 6 Religion and Young People

Look at the photograph. It shows children in a school.



- 2 | 6** Give **two** examples of rights that a young person has. **[2 marks]**
- 2 | 7** Describe **one** activity led by a faith group which teaches young people about their religion. **[3 marks]**
- 2 | 8** 'School assemblies should be religious.'  
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 2 | 9** Explain the importance of parents in guiding a child to make the right decisions. Refer to religious beliefs and practices. **[4 marks]**
- 3 | 0** 'Peer pressure is the main reason why many young people do not follow a religion.'  
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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