



St Mary's School
CAMBRIDGE

Lower Sixth Theology Sample Entrance Examination

Time allowed: 60 minutes

Name: _____

INSTRUCTIONS :

- Answer TWO questions (parts a & b)
- You should spend about 25 minutes on each question
- Dictionaries or reference materials are forbidden

- Question 1 a) Explain different Christian attitudes to euthanasia. (6)
b) "It can never be right to take a life."
Discuss this statement. Include a variety of possible points of view and your own personal response. Refer to specific Christian teaching in your answer. (12)
(SPaG 2)

or

- Question 1 a) Explain different attitudes of followers of one major world religion to euthanasia. (6)
b) "It can never be right to take a life."
Discuss this statement. Include a variety of possible points of view and your own personal response. Refer to specific teaching of one major world religion in your answer. (12)
(SPaG 2)
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- Question 2 a) Explain Christian teaching on the morality of war. (6)
b) "It is never right to fight in war."
Discuss this statement. Include a variety of possible points of view and your own personal response. Refer to specific Christian teaching in your answer. (12)
(SPaG 2)

or

- Question 2 a) Explain the teaching of one major world religion on the morality of war. (6)
b) "It is never right to fight in war."
Discuss this statement. Include a variety of possible points of view and your own personal response. Refer to specific teaching of one major world religion in your answer. (12)
(SPaG 2)

- Question 3
- a) Explain Christian teachings that might lead believers to be concerned to relieve suffering in developing countries. (6)
 - b) “Humans have the right to treat animals how we wish.”
Discuss this statement. Include a variety of possible points of view and your own personal response. Refer to specific Christian teaching in your answer. (12)
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 - b) “Humans have the right to treat animals how we wish.”
Discuss this statement. Include a variety of possible points of view and your own personal response. Refer to specific teaching of one major world religion in your answer. (12)
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- Question 4
- a) Explain how beliefs about life after death could affect a Christian’s moral behaviour. (6)
 - b) “Prayer is more important than action.”
Discuss this statement. Include a variety of possible points of view and your own personal response. Refer to specific Christian teaching in your answer. (12)
(SPaG 2)

or

- Question 4
- a) Explain how beliefs about life after death could affect the moral behaviour of a follower of one major world religion. (6)
 - b) “Prayer is more important than action.”
Discuss this statement. Include a variety of possible points of view and your own personal response. Refer to specific teaching of one major world religion in your answer. (12)
(SPaG 2)

- Question 5
- a) Explain why a Christian believer might say that suffering is a necessary part of life. (6)
 - b) “Belief in religious experience cannot prove God’s existence.” Discuss this statement. Include a variety of possible points of view and your own personal response. Refer to specific Christian teaching in your answer. (12)
(SPaG 2)

or

- Question 5
- a) Explain why a follower of one major world religion might say that suffering is a necessary part of life. (6)
 - b) “Belief in religious experience cannot prove God’s existence.” Discuss this statement. Include a variety of possible points of view and your own personal response. Refer to specific teaching of one major world religion in your answer. (12)
(SPaG 2)

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- Question 6
- a) Explain how prayer deepens the faith of a Christian. (6)
 - b) “It doesn’t matter where you worship.” Discuss this statement. Include a variety of possible points of view and your own personal response. Refer to specific Christian teaching in your answer. (12)
(SPaG 2)

or

- Question 6
- a) Explain how prayer deepens the faith of a follower of one major world religion. (6)
 - b) “It doesn’t matter where you worship.” Discuss this statement. Include a variety of possible points of view and your own personal response. Refer to specific teaching of one major world religion in your answer. (12)
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