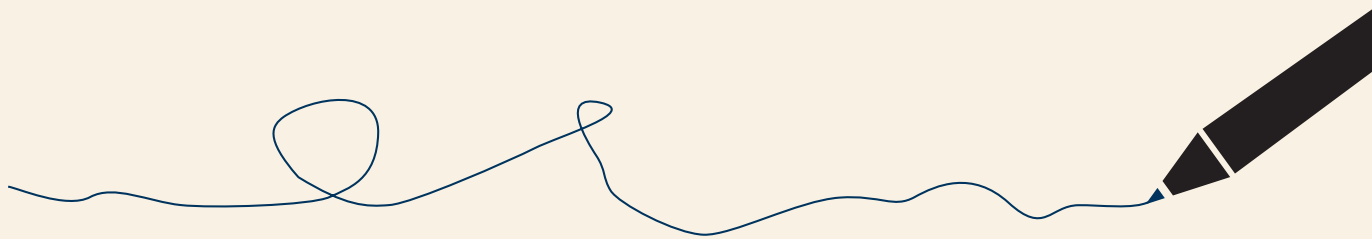


Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Exemplification Booklet

GCSE Religious Studies Unit 1 (5RS01) and
Unit 2 (5RS02)

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Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Marking Criteria

These criteria are common to all four subjects that have marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) – GCSE English Literature, GCSE History, GCSE Geography and GCSE Religious Studies.

However, the marks allocated to each level vary for individual subjects and units.

In Edexcel's GCSE Religious Studies, SPaG marks will be assessed across all units in the same way. These marks will be awarded on the first section of the exam paper, on either question 1 or 2 (depending on which question the candidate answers). The SPaG marks will be assessed across the whole of this question, i.e. parts (a), (b), (c) and (d).

In Edexcel GCSE Religious Studies the marks allocated at each level are as follows:

Questions with four marks available for SPaG

		0 marks	Errors severely hinder the meaning of the response or candidates do not spell, punctuate or use the rules of grammar within the context of the demands of the question.
Threshold performance	Level 1	1 mark	Candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with reasonable accuracy in the context of the demands of the question. Any errors do not hinder meaning in the response. Where required, they use a limited range of specialist terms appropriately.
Intermediate performance	Level 2	2–3 marks	Candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with considerable accuracy and general control of meaning in the context of the demands of the question. Where required, they use a good range of specialist terms with facility.
High performance	Level 3	4 marks	Candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with consistent accuracy and effective control of meaning in the context of the demands of the question. Where required, they use a wide range of specialist terms adeptly and with precision.

Examiner Comments

Intermediate Performance



GCSE Religious Studies Unit 1 (5RS01)

- 2 (a) What does **agnosticism** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think a religious upbringing makes children believe in God?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain, with examples, how television programmes and/or radio programmes and/or films might affect a person's attitude to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "The world is so beautiful it must have been designed by God."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)

Write your answer here:

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(a) Not sure if God is real or not.

(b) Yes. The reasons for this is that when a child is being up in an religious surrounding it can change there opinion in God. This is also because they are learning the teaches of God as they grow, making them stick in there head.

Finally, a religious upbringing can make the agnostic, this is because, they may be learning about other religions at school and will

become confused. They will also make their own choices and opinions, ~~letting~~^{enabling} them to choose for themselves.

(c)

This is because, they are exploring a world beyond ~~jes~~ God and their religion. For example, it's letting them see the real world, violence, alcohol and nudity. Not only is the television a useful and very smart device, it ensures that everybody fits in, by talking about a latest TV programme and discuss the game advertisement that was on.

¶ This also may make the child change their mind about God because it's giving them more freedom. This is by, them not being told to do anything, they can make their own decisions and just not follow the rules.

Finally, it's giving them heaven to go to, to ignore the rules and watch/do what they like. This could make them discover a whole world beyond religions, and change their attitude towards God.

(d) (i)

No I do not agree, this because if God created the world, why can't he stop earthquakes, tsunamis, tornados and any other disasters.

At the moment, the world is not beautiful, all of the poisonous gases, toxic waste and rubbish filling every corner, ~~my~~ our world is far from beautiful.

God cannot stop natural disasters, he made the world and then gave it to Adam & Eve to look after. ~~that~~ God cannot deal with natural disasters.

The poisonous gases, toxic waste and all the disposed of rubbish is man made, God cannot deal with that.

Examiner Comments

The candidate manages to demonstrate general control of meaning in the context of the question.

Uses some specialist terms which are spelled correctly, e.g. 'beautiful', 'poisonous'.

Use and control of spelling, punctuation and grammar is usually correct. However, the candidate does write 'brung up' rather than 'brought up'. Very few errors are made with capitalisation.

Mark

Intermediate performance

Level 2

3 marks



GCSE Religious Studies Unit 1 (5RS01)

- 1 (a) What does **omniscient** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think science proves God did not create the world?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why evil and suffering may lead some people not to believe in God. (8)
- (d) "Miracles cannot happen today."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

- (a) Omniscient means that a being, whether God or Human is all-knowing.
- (b) I do think Science proves God did not create the world. There are many ^{reasons} why I have come to believe that God is non-existent. Science has evidence that before any human life on earth there was different life walking on the planet, The fossilised remains of dinosaurs have been found which are estimated to be millions of years old. Also

if people think that God is all-powerful and all-knowing, why do natural disasters occur and why do diseases exist.

- (c) Evil and suffering may lead people to disbelief in the existence of God. Evil and suffering occurs around the world, this may lead people to a disbelief in God because of people thinking that God is omnipotent and omniscient. If God is omnipotent and omniscient why would he let evil and suffering occur. This may lead to disbelief in God. People think that God would not let evil like murder or rape ever happen, but after this happens people may start to believe that there is no God at all, the same thing with suffering, if something like a natural disaster occurs, this may again lead to the disbelief of God, because they have been lead to believe that God is an all knowing, all powerful being.

(d) (i) I agree, I think that miracles are not true, People who are born abnormal may lead to people being a miracle, but it is either genetics or birth defects. And when an inanimate object appears to communicate with a person they believe it to be a miracle.

(ii) A lot of people and or Religions may disagree with this, for example in the ~~Indian~~^{Hindu} faith a baby was born with what looked like a tail, people then believed that the baby was a reincarnation of a Hindu God.

Examiner Comments

The candidate manages to demonstrate general control of meaning in the context of the question.

Uses some specialist terms which are spelled correctly, e.g. 'omniscient', 'reincarnation', 'omnipotent'.

Use and control of spelling and punctuation is usually correct. However, the candidate does make errors in capitalisation, using capital letters where none are needed, e.g. 'Humans'. Full stops are used instead of commas. The grammar could be improved by the candidate reading through their response and ensuring that it 'sounds' right.

Mark

Intermediate performance

Level 2

3 marks

GCSE Religious Studies Unit 1 (5RS01)

OR

- 2 (a) What does **agnosticism** mean? (2)
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- * (c) Explain, with examples, how television programmes and/or radio programmes and/or films might affect a person's attitude to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "The world is so beautiful it must have been designed by God."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(a) The term agnosticism means when somebody is not sure of the existence of god.

(b) I think that a religious upbringing does make children believe in god because if the parents bring the child or children up religiously the child will follow it because in way they idolize their parent and make them like a role model.

Also the second reason I have that I think they would make a child believe in god because when you're a child you just have to follow what you are told and your

parents teaching will be forced in your mind so you believe what they tell you.

- (c) I believe that films will affect most of the people's attitude to believe in god because the writer of the movie has such a powerful mind that will get you to believe and persuade you about the point he is trying to put.

A film that is really powerful and can make you change your beliefs is the film called constantine, I believe that this film made me believe and strengthen my beliefs that hell is bad for you and that there are demons in this world that need to be killed so the world can have peace.

At the end of the film the character (constantine) finally kill the devil and he is cured of the cancer he has so he gets cured by god and he has help of god to beat the devil, so I think that this movie has strengthened my beliefs that god will always be there by your side to help you through the obstacles you will have to go through.

- (d) (i) I think that I will believe this quote because I have been in a religious upbringing and I have always been taught that the world was created by god, this was a christian upbringing. And that God was the one who created the world because it can't have just appeared out of nowhere as us human beings come out of nowhere too.
- (ii) Some people may disagree with me because they don't believe in God with examples they use such as they have not been shown any proof of this event happening and they believe that it came out of nowhere, these are people known as Atheist and they are known by not believing in anything.

Examiner Comments

The candidate manages to demonstrate general control of meaning in the context of the question.

Uses some specialist terms which are spelled correctly, e.g. 'atheist', 'upbringing'.

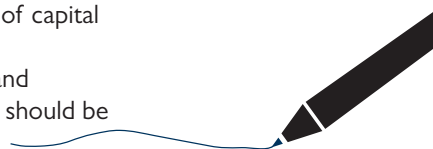
Use and control of spelling, punctuation and grammar is usually correct. However, the candidate's use of capital letters is not good, e.g. names such as 'God' and 'Constantine' do not have capital letters and 'atheist' is written with a capital letter when it should be lower case.

Mark

Intermediate performance

Level 2

3 marks



GCSE Religious Studies Unit 1 (5RS01)

1 (a) What does **omniscient** mean?

(2)

(b) Do you think science proves God did not create the world?

Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

(4)

*(c) Explain why evil and suffering may lead some people not to believe in God.

(8)

(d) "Miracles cannot happen today."

In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

(3)

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

(3)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

(a) omniscient means A all knowing God which knows everything.

(b) I think science has not proven ~~and~~ that God did not create the world because science has means theories about how the world ~~was~~ began, for example the big bang theory. They are not 100% sure themselves. Also in the bible the first chapter it says how God created the world and everything on it. So ~~since~~ since the bible is an holy book for christians ~~it~~ and tells the word of God ~~it is true~~ and science can't prove the word of God wrong that means ~~the~~ that they haven't proved that God did not create the world.

(c) i Evil and suffering may lead some people not to believe in God because they believe that he has the power to stop it and destroy the people who are causing it. For example if a family is in pain and are suffering, some people expect

that if there is a God and he is watching over us, he should stop the pain and suffering and if this is not happening they believe that there is no God there. They will also believe that he is not watching over his people whether bad or good because it says in the bible he watches over everybody the poor, the weak, the strong and everything every human being on the earth. They believe he should stop it if he really cares about everybody or at least take the bad people who are causing it out of this world. ~~But~~ If this is not happening this may lead some people not to believe in God anymore.

(d) (i) Some Christians believe that miracles can happen today in our generation and I agree because Christians believe that miracles can only happen ~~in the church~~ if you believe it can and believe in God. I also believe that miracles can only happen if you believe it can happen in your life and that you have a strong faith with God for it to happen. Miracles are not going to happen ~~if~~ today if people don't give their lives to God and stop sinning against his will.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me because ~~the~~ some parts of the world ^{are} suffering and God is not providing any miracles for them. Or some may say that they hardly hear of miracles happening today on our generation and that why people are still dying and suffering. They might also ~~they~~ disagree ~~to~~ because they might have never experienced a miracle in their life because they ~~are~~ might believe everyone has to go through one type of miracle in their lives.

Examiner Comments

The candidate manages to demonstrate general control of meaning in the context of the question.

Uses some specialist terms which are spelled correctly, e.g. 'sinning', 'created'.

Use and control of spelling, punctuation and grammar is not always accurate and this is why it gets the lower mark within Level 2, e.g. 'chapter' and 'causing' are spelled incorrectly. The candidate's use of capital letters is not good, e.g. names such as 'God', 'Big Bang' and 'Bible' do not have capital letters.

Mark

Intermediate performance

Level 2

2 marks

GCSE Religious Studies Unit 1 (5RS01)

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- (d) "The world is so beautiful it must have been designed by God."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)

- (a) Agnosticism means when you are not sure if God exists.
- (b) I think religious ~~upbrings~~ upbringing makes children believe in God because religious upbringing could have an effect on a child where by they believe in a certain religion. An example of a religious upbringing could be that a child is taken to ~~Santa~~ Sunday School to learn about his religion. One other example could be that the child is ~~told~~ ~~thought~~ told to pray to God every day and say a little prayer before every meal.

(c) Television programs could have a big affect on a person who is not a Strong believer.

(d) (i) I agree with this quote, the reason for this being is that I have strong believe that some of the things in this universe could not of just happened. I also believe that every thing that's designed ~~in this world~~ there has to be a designer for it.

(ii) Many people may disagree with me because they believe that Sciences is the reason for all the designs and there is scientific proof to back them up. Another reason why they might ~~not~~ disagree with me is many of the claims and theorys put forward by religious leaders have been proven wrong by head of scientific departments.

Examiner Comments

The candidate manages to demonstrate general control of meaning in the context of the question.

Uses some specialist terms which are spelled correctly, e.g. 'Sunday School', 'designed'.

Use and control of spelling, punctuation and grammar is not always accurate and this is why it gets the lower mark within Level 2, e.g. 'programmes', 'gradually', 'exists' and 'theories' are spelled incorrectly. The candidate's use of capitals is usually good but 'Big Bang' does not have capital letters and the word 'and' has a capital letter in part (c).

Mark

Intermediate performance

Level 2

2 marks

Examiner Comments

High Performance



GCSE Religious Studies Unit 1 (5RS01)

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(8)

(d) "Miracles cannot happen today."

In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

(3)

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

(3)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

(a) That God is all knowing.

(b) No, I don't think science proves that God did not create the world because there's not enough evidence in science to prove this.

For example The Big Bang is still only a theory and has not been proven definite. You can't say something happened when you don't have any evidence to back it.

Also, science can't state whether God exists or existed, so how would you be able to tell whether he created the world or not. Science again, can't prove this.

(c) Evil and suffering may lead some people not to believe in God because of the dreadful disasters that happen in the world. For example when natural disasters occur like volcanic

eruptions and floods some people would say that if there really was a God, and if he truly loved everyone then why does He let these disasters happen and kill hundreds of thousands of people. However Christians may disagree with this and say that perhaps this is a way up call from God; a way in which God can be heard. Sometimes actions speak louder than words.

Also people who don't believe in God would say, why does God allow people to be born who He knows that will go on to kill people in their later life. Surely God would prevent this person from being born because they're going to kill another of God's creations. Christians would argue with this and say perhaps the people who get killed by this person, their family has done something wrong to upset God, and so this is there punishment.

Furthermore people may not believe in God due to populations in Africa who are ill and are suffering from being malnourished. They would say, if God loves everyone and doesn't like suffering then why does He let it still continue in today's world?

Christians would argue to this by saying that it's perhaps God's way of trying to get more people to ~~the~~ reach out to Him, by praying and asking for His help. God may use suffering as a way of getting more followers to follow Him.

(d) (i) No, I don't believe that miracles cannot happen today because God is always around us and has been here since the start of the universe so it is still possible for them to occur. If they happened hundreds of years ago in the Bible then what's the difference of them still happening today? Everybody's perception of a miracle will be different from the next's persons, so each person's miracle will be specific to them depending on what they prayed for.

(ii) However some people may disagree with my here and say, God isn't around and He was only around hundreds of years ago when people could actually witness miracles happening. When miracles happened, God was physically there. Today however miracles can't happen because isn't physically here. Today's "miracles" are fate. Miracles don't actually happen today it's just caused by people how seem to have the most luck in fate.

Examiner Comments

The response is effective in control of meaning and fully relates to the context of the question.

Uses a wide range of specialist terms with precision, e.g. 'omni-benevolent', 'existence', 'omniscient'.

There is consistent accuracy in spelling and punctuation. The candidate is able to use paragraphs appropriately. There are odd errors in capitalisation, e.g. 'knowing' should not have a capital.

The grammar used is consistently accurate. The use of rhetorical questioning is particularly effective.

Mark

High performance

Level 3

4 marks

GCSE Religious Studies Unit 1 (5RS01)

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(4)

*(c) Explain why evil and suffering may lead some people not to believe in God.

(8)

(d) "Miracles cannot happen today."

In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

(3)

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

(3)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

Write your answer here:

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(a) Omniscient is the term to describe God as all knowing. He knows everything about everyone.

(b) I think that science proves God didn't create the world for a number of reasons.

I think that the Big Bang created the world. There is scientific proof of the Big Bang and even God couldn't have created the Big Bang because it was so powerful.

Also, Charles Darwin a famous scientist who discovered evolution proves that science created the world. The idea of evolution is that the human species adapted from animals and organisms. There is also a lot of evidence connected to this, which proves that science did create the world.

(c)

Evil and suffering may lead someone not to believe in God because it tests their beliefs.

For example if ~~there~~ there was a natural disaster such as an earthquake it would kill a lot of people. Some of those people may believe in God, so it makes them question if there really is a God because he has let a terrible thing happen.

Also if they are praying, this is a form of communication with God and they might think ~~they aren't listening~~ that he's not listening and doesn't care. E.g. if a family member is terminally ill and they pray for them but they die, they would be angry.

God is supposed to be Omniscient which means all knowing, if he knew what was going on then he would know how to end suffering. ~~But~~ He is also Omnipotent which means all powerful so he would be able to stop it. He is also Omnibenevolent which means loving and kind so he wouldn't want this to happen in the first place.

(d) (i) I do not agree with the statement.

Miracles don't happen today because there is no proof or evidence that they actually exist. There have been no recent miracles. You only hear of them from the bible, which was thousands of years ago.

Also ~~many~~ miracles are normally made up stories. People could have just made them up to get attention, because there is no way that they could happen.

(ii) Christians would disagree with me

Christians follow the bible. The bible has a lot of miracle stories, for example the feeding of the five thousand.

They will believe and follow this because God and Jesus believed and did this.

They also believe God is omni-potent so he is powerful and anything can happen.'

Examiner Comments

The candidate's response fully relates to the context of the question and is effective in control of meaning.

Uses a wide range of specialist terms adeptly and with precision, e.g. 'omni-benevolent', 'omniscient', 'organisms'.

There is consistent accuracy in spelling and punctuation. The candidate is able to use paragraphs appropriately. There are odd errors in capitalization, e.g. 'bible' should be capitalised. The grammar used is consistently accurate, although the sentence structure is not always particularly complex in style.

Mark

High performance

Level 3

4 marks

GCSE Religious Studies Unit 1 (5RS01)

- 2 (a) What does **agnosticism** mean? (2)
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Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain, with examples, how television programmes and/or radio programmes and/or films might affect a person's attitude to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "The world is so beautiful it must have been designed by God."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)

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Write your answer here:

(a) agnosticism is not knowing whether ^{you} believe in God or not.

(b) I think children are more likely to believe in God if they are brought up religiously than if they did not have a religious upbringing because they are brought up going to church, from an early age they would be encouraged to connect with God through prayer and song. Also in Church, children would be surrounded with other people also believing in God, so they would be brought up only knowing a life in God.

They also may have to go to a religious school, ~~as~~ being encouraged by their teachers to believe in God and learn about their religion. I don't think it makes children believe in God, but I think they are more likely to believe in God from having a religious upbringing.

(c) Media may ~~affect~~ a person's belief in God, due to it criticising and being biased to certain religions, for example, they might portray a religion in a negative light, making the person

doubt their religion as the media can be very persuasive and powerful. Media may also affect someone's belief in God in films, if a miracle happened in a film and they led the miracle back to God's power, someone may doubt God's power as it has never ~~happened~~ happened in their situation. Also in praying, if someone in a film prayed, and their problems were answered by God, it may affect a religious person as they could doubt God, because they have unanswered prayers.

(d) (i) "The world is so beautiful, it must have been designed by God" Even though ~~this~~ the world is beyond the law of science, scientists have more evidence of the Earth forming naturally than Religious people have evidence of the world being created by God, and that is why I disagree with this statement. The world is not perfect, and I think that if God did design and create the world, God had the power to make it perfect and amazing.

(ii) Most Christians would disagree with me because the world is beyond the laws of science, leading only to a supernatural explanation, which is God. Most Christians believe that the world is so amazing, the only person to have the power to create such a thing is God and therefore the world must have been designed by God.

Examiner Comments

There is effective in control of meaning and the response fully relates to the context of the question.

Uses a wide range of specialist terms adeptly, e.g. 'persuasive', 'upbringing', 'supernatural', 'designed'.

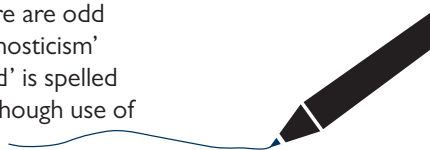
Spelling and punctuation are generally accurate. There are odd errors in capitalisation and spelling. For example, 'agnosticism' in the first sentence should be capitalised, and 'biased' is spelled 'bias'. The grammar used is consistently accurate, although use of paragraphs could improve the answer.

Mark

High performance

Level 3

4 marks



GCSE Religious Studies Unit 2 (5RS02)

1 (a) What does **omniscient** mean?

(2)

(b) Do you think science proves God did not create the world?

Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

(4)

*(c) Explain why evil and suffering may lead some people not to believe in God.

(8)

(d) "Miracles cannot happen today."

In your answer you should refer to Christianity.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

(3)

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

(3)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

(a) ~~&~~ Omniscient means all mighty and all powerful

(b) God made the world and the universe. He made science and all creatures and other things round us. Science explains that God doesn't exist in the eyes of some people, but in my opinion it makes the ~~there~~ faith of God stronger. ~~God~~ ~~&~~ In the start of the Bible it states that God created the heavens and the earth when scientists believe that the Big Bang theory ~~has~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ the best reason to describe the making of the world. The earth for an example has the right balance of oxygen carbon dioxide to live and that fact nearly makes you think that there is a God. People also think that God made the world in 7 days when to him 7 days could mean 7 thousand or million years adding to the point of there being

a God. and he created the World. There are so many things in the World that show us and also shows that God ^{created} ~~exist~~ the World.

(c) If you look at the World evil and suffering are everywhere. Many people have evil and suffering in their town and Country. If you look at the World natural ^{disasters} ~~events~~ like earthquakes, ^{volcanos} ~~quakes~~, flood etc they make a person think if there is a God because these things

Cannot be stopped by humans or ~~people~~ ~~even~~ anyone. Many people feel it's down to God. In my opinion God gave us those things so the World can shape in different ways so people can join together or he wants to test a persons faith.

In the Bible it states that God gave us free will to think for our selves so we can be ~~our own~~ whatever we want. Many people think that God can help ~~the~~ people but doesn't want to and leave the World how it is and let the people think for themselves. In the second World War Hitler killed millions of Jewish people who were religious, this act ~~to~~ make people think about if God really exists.

In the Bible Jesus gave up his own life so people could be forgiven for their sins and evil and suffering falls in that because if a dictator has killed a lot of people then prays for forgiveness, then God does for give him there still would be millions of people who don't forgive him and that would make people think if there is a God because of what he had done.

Crime, murder etc is evil and suffering because a family who has had these things stolen or has had a family member die they would not ~~was~~ forgive them and they would feel that this is evil and suffering.

(d) (i) In many ^{Asian} ~~Indian~~ and African Countries miracles occur more than places in Europe. I think God gives them the miracles because they may need it more than the people who don't live in poverty and hunger and fear of dying. Many people who change religion are normally coming out of one religion and searching for faith in Christianity. ~~If~~ Jesus ^{helped} ~~said that~~ many people with healing the blind etc making it more believable and true about miracles happening in today's society.

Many people who have been in hunger pray to God and he helps them. In the Bible it says that if you are hungry you will be fed ^{fine} ~~so~~ so if you pray to God miracle can happen. Jesus also fed the ~~5~~ ^{five} thousand many people thought that this act was a miracle.

(ii) Many normal people have no help from pray. ~~If~~ If you want a miracle and your friend has an illness but cannot be treated and they die this can also make a person think that there is no such thing as a miracle.

In the ~~the~~ Bible there are miracles happening often when Jesus was around. ~~But~~ Many people believe that things don't happen when they pray for a miracle because they might of no faith or there asking God in the wrong way. ~~Be~~ Many people believe that ~~if~~ miracles don't exist but Good people make miracles and people help people so it makes people believe ~~there's~~ ^{there's} no miracles.

Examiner Comments

The candidate's response is effective in control of meaning and fully relates to the context of the question.

Uses a range of specialist terms e.g. 'dictator', 'millions', 'Big Bang'.

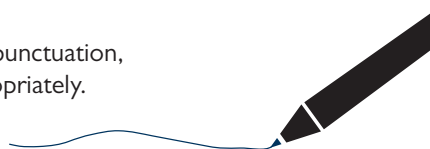
There is consistent accuracy in spelling and punctuation, e.g. uses paragraphs and capitalisation appropriately.

Mark

High performance

Level 3

4 marks



GCSE Religious Studies Unit 2 (5RS02)

1 (a) What does **omniscient** mean?

(2)

(b) Do you think science proves God did not create the world?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

(4)

*(c) Explain why evil and suffering may lead some people not to believe in God.

(8)

(d) "Miracles cannot happen today."

In your answer you should refer to Christianity.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

(3)

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

(3)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

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Write your answer here:

(a) Omniscient means to be all-seeing; to be able to see all things.

(b) No, I disagree that science proves God did not create the world. As a Christian I believe God did create the world, and the entire universe. Science and scientific beliefs are just theories - The Big Bang theory, the theory of evolution - just as I believe in God, and the Bible, and that the world was created in 6 days, some believe the world was created by a Big Bang. There is no actual proof that the Big Bang happened. Some scientists, in fact, are now saying what they thought to be a huge explosion that created the universe ~~was~~ could have been just a sound. This could have been God, speaking the world into motion.

(c) Evil and suffering in the world lead some people to believe there is no God because they think that if He does exist, then He would not allow it to happen. They think that

God must not love us if He does not stop or prevent the evil and suffering in the world.

Some also believe that if they have unanswered prayer - for example, if they prayed for no more war, or for children to stop dying in Africa - then God must not exist.

(d) (i) I disagree - I believe miracles do still happen today. As a Christian, I believe in miracles - past, present and future. I believe that Jesus did walk on water, turn water into wine, and come back to life, and I believe God still performs them today. Despite the fact that miracles today may not be as huge as walking on water, they can be performed in more subtle ways. For example, if someone had a terminal illness, and doctors said nothing can be done, but they got better and lived - I would call that a miracle. I would say that God intervened there.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me because they don't believe in God - they don't believe Jesus walked on water, turned water into wine etc. which is why they don't believe miracles happen today. Some people believe entirely in science, and so don't believe in miracles because these define the basis of science.

Examiner Comments

There is effective in control of meaning and the response fully relates to the context of the question.

Uses a range of specialist terms, e.g. 'miracles', 'evolution', 'explosion', 'prayed'.

There is consistent accuracy in spelling and punctuation, e.g. uses paragraphs appropriately. There are no errors in capitalisation.

Mark

High performance

Level 3

4 marks



Examiner Comments

Threshold Performance



- 2 (a) What does **agnosticism** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think a religious upbringing makes children believe in God?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain, with examples, how television programmes and/or radio programmes and/or films might affect a person's attitude to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "The world is so beautiful it must have been designed by God."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)

Write your answer here:

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- (a)
- (b) Yes I do because if your family and friends are and you are in a environment of believing in god that it will rub off on to you. Also if your parents are religious they would do and get their child to do religious things with them because thats how their parents want them to be raised and ofcourse you are going to think your parents are right about god because their your parents.

(c) Television/radio programmes might effect a persons attitude to belief in god such as the "news" the reason why is because god is love and it says in

in the bible that god created the humans and that his son Jesus died for the humans sins' but then why is people dying, good people and suffering in the world that what it shows and tells us in the news this then can lead to not believing in god because shows us that you made your son die for nothing ~~and~~ because your watching humans die and not helping.

In some programmes ^{you} watch people talk about god in a bad way for example "why should I believe in go if ~~my~~ ~~my~~ my loved ones died for no reason" this will lead someone to believe that god not real for letting that happen.

In science programmes they say that the big bang ~~started~~ made earth so this can lead people to science theory rather than a man made earth and cause people to believe their no god.

(d) (i) I agree because in the bible they talk about a garden so beautiful which ~~was~~ adam and eve was in, god created that garden. so that might lead to people believing that god made the world beautiful because now he made the garden and you have it written in the bible so it can't be made up.

(ii) some people may not ~~be~~ agree with that because it may be written down in the bible but they may have to eye it for themselves, Also when you look at the sky it looks grey most of the time and the flowers don't look healthy also the trees get cut down which leaves the rainforest/woods empty, ugly and ~~this~~ this can lead to not believing god made the world.

Examiner Comments

The candidate just manages to demonstrate general control of meaning in the context of the question.

A limited range of specialist terms are used, e.g. 'environment' ('event'), 'programmes'.

There are several errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar although the meaning is not hindered. For example, the candidate misspells 'environment', 'parents' and 'raised'. The candidate also fails to use capital letters appropriately, e.g. 'God'. The grammar used is not always correct, e.g. the garden 'which adam and eve was in'. However, in all these cases the answers are understandable.

Mark

Threshold performance

Level 1

1 mark

GCSE Religious Studies Unit 1 (5RS01)

1 (a) What does **omniscient** mean?

(2)

(b) Do you think science proves God did not create the world?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

(4)

*(c) Explain why evil and suffering may lead some people not to believe in God.

(8)

(d) "Miracles cannot happen today."

In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

(3)

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

(3)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

Write your answer here:

(a) It's mean like a person who knows all thing.

(b) I don't think that. Because if God didn't not create the world, ~~who did~~ then who did create the world?

It's God ~~know~~ who create the world because there are not other one.

But it's different what people believe

(c) evil and suffering may lead some people not to believe in God because some people thinks that it's not good to not believe in God and the evil ~~any~~ it's

a bad thing so it's ~~making~~ ^{make} people
unhappy. ~~But when you~~ ~~are~~ ~~in~~ ~~good~~ ~~and~~ ~~when~~
~~the world~~ ~~is~~ ~~trying~~ ~~to~~ ~~make~~ ~~you~~ ~~be~~ ~~happy~~
~~again~~.

The evil is not from God but from Devil, and the Devil doesn't like God so he trying to make people hating God.

(d) (ii) No i'm not agree with that, because all thing's can happens in the world. So i think miracles also can happen.

(ii) People can disagree with me, because they maybe believes in other things. ~~the~~ people are different, and not all people believe's like others, all believe's in different things, so some ~~be~~ people doesn't believes in miracles.

Examiner Comments

The candidate just manages to demonstrate general control of meaning in the context of the question.

A limited range of specialist terms are used.

There is misuse of capital letters and some errors in punctuation and grammar. The first sentence does not make sense although its meaning can be understood.

This is a pattern throughout where the candidate's use of English is not very good. There are errors in capitalisation, e.g. a sentence that begins with a lower case letter.

However, the candidate uses paragraphs and the spelling is generally correct.

Mark

Threshold
performance

Level I

1 mark

GCSE Religious Studies Unit 2 (5RS02)

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In your answer you should refer to Christianity.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

(3)

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

(3)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

Write your answer here:

ST-C

(a) Omniscient means that God is all knowing

(b) I disagree, this is because science cannot prove that God never created the earth. I know this because they cannot prove the big bang theory. Others could agree with this because they may not believe in God or they believe in the big bang theory. Some people believe in the big bang theory over the Bible because there is more explanation.

(c) Evil and Suffering may lead people not to believe in god because when somebody sees someone in their family they start to question god. It could also lead to people not believing

in god because when someone has a seriously ill virus or pain they will pray to god to cure them. Once they know that their prayers have not worked they may stop believing in god and following god altogether, this could eventually lead to them dying. Once they have died this could lead to their family members not believing in god. In other cases people stop believing in god because of tsunamis, or earthquakes and natural disasters can also lead to people not believing in god. Some people may be led to stop believing in god because of moral evil. They think if god made us then why would he have put evil inside us.

(d) (i) I disagree with this because miracles have happened already and will continue to happen. Christians believe that a miracle is something that breaks the law of science and can only be proven by god.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me because they may not believe in miracles or they may not follow the Christianity religion. Others may disagree with me because they think that it might be the body healing it's self when a person of a wound is treated. Some people may also disagree with me ~~because~~ + because ~~that~~ they may not think it is a miracle and it could be brought upon the person by god.

Examiner Comments

The meaning is reasonably clear within the terms and demands of the question.

Limited specialist terms are used, e.g. 'Big Bang', 'tsunami'.

Lots of words are incorrectly spelled and there are some errors in punctuation and grammar. There is misuse of capital letters, e.g. 'God' and 'Big Bang' are lower case, while other words have capitals when they should not.

Mark

Threshold performance

Level 1

1 mark



GCSE Religious Studies Unit 2 (5RS02)

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(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

Write your answer here:

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(a) God ~~is~~ knows everything that is happening and everything that is going to happen.

(b) I think science proves God did not create the world because unlike Religion science can prove their theorys which makes them more believable. Also science theorys sound more realistic compared to religion theorys so that makes them easier to believe.

(c) Evil and suffering may lead to some people not to believe in god because ~~a~~ people see god as a really nice man. So if he is nice like people say he wouldn't want to make us suffer.

God wouldn't want to see any of his children suffering and because he's powerful he can stop it. But he doesn't. So this makes you wonder does he exist. He can also see everything that is happening in the world. So before someone gets hurt or before an earthquake hits he has the power to stop this happening but he chooses not to. If God created everyone in his own image, why did he create people that are going to hurt someone. This could lead to doubts in God's existence.

(d) (i) I disagree with the quote 'miracles can not happen today' because God only chooses certain people to experience miracles. Miracles do happen because there are things that can only be explained by God and ~~cannot~~ not science.

(ii) People may disagree with me because they think every thing can be proved by science no matter what it is. They also may disagree with me as they don't believe in God so they wouldn't believe in miracles.

Examiner Comments

The candidate manages to demonstrate general control of meaning in the context of the question.

Limited specialist terms are used.

There is misuse of capital letters and some errors in punctuation and grammar. The candidate has written 'theorys' rather than 'theories' and 'science' rather than 'scientific'. Some errors in capitalisation, e.g. 'God' is lower case, whereas subjects such as 'religion' and 'science' are written as upper case.

Mark

Threshold performance

Level 1

1 mark



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- (Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

Write your answer here:

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- (a)
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- (b) The big bang theory proves that God did not create the world. Science proves that there was a big explosion that caused stars to coalesce and form smaller stars, these being the earth, and all the other planets. Also when life was found on earth it wasn't humans that first lived there, therefore Adam and Eve were not created first by God. We evolved from other species that were on earth so God couldn't have created us from that.

(c) evil and suffering can lead to some people not believing in God because some people say if God did exist he wouldn't let people suffer or

become so ill that death is the only option. Also if somebody was praying for a relative or friend that is suffering for them to get better or be well again and the suffering person gets worse the prayer is then unanswered meaning God isn't there otherwise he would answer your prayers by healing the ill person.

The bible teaches that to be evil is wrong and that nobody should be put through anything they don't deserve. So when evil does happen and suffering does occur and God doesn't do as the bible teaches this ~~shows~~ makes people believe God isn't real.

As Jesus resurrected, we should all do so too. So when somebody suffers severely and dies they do not come back alive like Jesus did. This can also lead to no belief in God.

(d) (i) I think that miracles can happen today, as I believe that being brought onto the earth by God is a miracle we live everyday. Also in some cases when a child is born but has a hard childbirth it is a miracle that they are alive and well, this can happen today.

Also when you lose determination and all will-power and you still succeed I believe God wanted you to do that so he helped form a miracle for you to achieve what you want.

(ii) Some people may disagree because if miracles could happen then nobody would suffer, fall ill or die.

Also people say that everything happens for a reason, and God didn't choose that reason therefore he does not perform miracles on anybody.

God The bible says that a family life is to procreate, so when a child dies during a pregnancy or birth, why didn't God do a miracle to change that.

Examiner Comments

The meaning is reasonably clear within the terms and demands of the question.

Limited specialist terms are used, e.g. 'Big Bang', 'resurrected' ('resurrected').

There is misuse of capital letters and some errors in punctuation and grammar. 'Miracles' and 'resurrected' are spelled incorrectly and there are some errors in capitalisation, e.g. 'God', 'Bible', 'Big Bang' and 'Eve' are all lower case.

Mark

Threshold performance

Level 1

1 mark



Examiner Comments

Below Threshold Performance



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(3)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

Write your answer here:

I am answering
Question one.

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(a) all ~~See~~ Seeing.

(b) yes i do think that science proves god did not create the world because if god created the world, who created god? Christians believe that god was just there if so the world could just be there as there is no evidence to prove god is real and there is evidence that the big bang occurred and that's how our solar system was created.

(c) evil and Suffering may lead to disbelief in god because if god is benevolent which means all loving then why would he create a world with evil and Suffering.

also poverty is a form of evil and Suffering as a lot of the population are in poverty if god created everything why would he make it so everyone is not equal? Christians believe that evil and Suffering is a way of god punishing man kind for all of our sins.

(d) (i) No I do not agree that miracles can't happen today because a miracle can happen anywhere at any time to anyone. A miracle is something that happens out of the ordinary e.g. the resurrection of Jesus. A miracle Christians believe it is god's way of answering their prayers. whether it be a woman that can't get pregnant falls pregnant or ~~or~~ somebody surviving a horrific crash.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me because of the way that the world is now with all the fighting and war that a miracle isn't going to happen anytime soon.

Examiner Comments

The candidate just about manages to demonstrate general control of meaning in the context of the question.

A few specialist terms are used, e.g. 'resurrection' ('ressurrection').

The candidate does not spell, punctuate or use the rules of grammar within the context of the demands of the question. There are many spelling errors, there are many capitalisation errors and sentence construction is very poor.

Mark

Below Threshold performance

Level 0

0 marks



