

Religious Studies

Examination Board: Eduqas

GCSE Required: Religious Studies Grade B or
English Grade 5

Skills: Enquiring, critical & reflective

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What is covered in the course:

Component 1: A Study of Religion: Christianity

Written examination: 2 hours

33⅓% of qualification

There will be four themes within each option:

1. religious figures and sacred texts;
2. religious concepts and religious life;
3. significant social and historical developments in religious thought;
4. religious practices and religious identity.

Learners will be expected to answer one question from Section A out of a choice of two and one question from Section B out of a choice of three in this component.

Component 2: Philosophy of Religion

Written examination: 2 hours

33⅓% of qualification

There will be four themes within this component:

1. arguments for the existence of God;
2. challenges to religious belief;
3. religious experience;
4. religious language.

Learners will be expected to answer one question from Section A out of a choice of two and one question from Section B out of a choice of three in this component.

Component 3: Religion and Ethics

Written examination: 2 hours 33⅓% of qualification

There will be four themes within this component:

1. ethical language and thought;
2. deontological ethics;
3. teleological ethics;
4. freewill and determinism.

Learners will be expected to answer one question from Section A out of a choice of two and one question from Section B out of a choice of three in this component.

This linear qualification will be available in May/June each year. It will be awarded for the first time in summer 2018.

How will the subject be taught:

The subject is taught through discussions, group-work, research, debates, presentations and role-play. Religious Studies enlarges your understanding of the world and your relationship to it. It generates creativity and allows you to engage in the offense and defense of powerful ideas and their consequences. You will develop the skills to think critically, argue logically and to disagree amiably! You will learn a lot about yourself: what you believe and why you believe it. It keeps the mind alive and sharp whilst giving you the skills in applying knowledge to changing situations. You will also develop and enhance techniques that may help you study more effectively beyond the classroom.

What opportunities come with this subject:

Religious Studies is a highly sought after A' level in many varied careers and it is also considered valuable by all university courses. Religious Studies students embark upon a diverse range of occupations, particularly in the legal profession, medical profession, broadcasting and journalism, the police force, teaching, development work, community-based roles, aspects of welfare, social care and counselling, plus local and central government policymaking and administrative departments. In the wider employment market, many commercial organisations welcome Religious Studies students in human resources, or general management roles.

The knowledge gained by Religious Studies students, plus their understanding of the impact different religious and social beliefs can have in all environments, makes them ideal candidates for a whole range of professions, especially where a multicultural dimension exists.

Higher Education/Career Implications:

Religious Studies students are often great empathisers; an increasingly valuable attribute in today's world. Besides the usual A Level disciplines of clear communication and research, employers will be interested in the way you can debate and contextualise different standpoints - and crucially, that you know how to do so without offending others.