



EXAM CHANGES 2022

GCSE Religious Studies

Exam Board: EDUQAS

SUMMARY OF ADAPTATIONS

- The exam board has identified 'areas of study' from the specification, which are the focus of the **AO2 questions (15-mark questions)** within each exam paper.
- Students will **still** have **3** exams
Paper 1: Component 1: Religious, Philosophical and Ethical studies.
Paper 2: Component 2: Study of Christianity.
Paper 3: Component 3: Study of Islam.
- The format/ structure of the papers will remain the same.
- Students will be assessed on **all** the specification content for all 3 exam papers.

HOW THE SCHOOL IS USING THIS INFORMATION

- Practice and PPE exams will be adapted to reflect summer 2022 exams.
- Intervention sessions at lunch and after school will focus on the topics for each paper.
- A detailed revision plan for lessons and intervention sessions will be shared with students.
- Revision will be focused on the whole of the exam specification however we will focus on the narrowed down content for 15-mark questions.
- Revision lessons will cover the essential subject knowledge for the course as well as the application of this knowledge to sample exam questions.
- Easter revision sessions will be focused on specific topics for each paper.

WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD DO

- Ensure all three exercise books and revision folders have been collected prior to the Easter break.
- Use the revision plan to help guide revision and prepare for the sessions in class.
- Use the PLC's (personal learning checklists) to identify areas that may need more focus when planning revision - but make sure everything is covered.
- Use the revision guides the school provided to aid revision.
- BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z68sjhv>
- Attend the weekly intervention on Monday lunch time and/or after school, especially when they cover topics identified as weaker ones.
- Use the revision resources provided on the school 'Y' Drive - revision mats and worksheets for each of the components including sample questions and revision workbooks.
- Sign up to attend the Easter revision session.

Component 1: Religious, Philosophical and ethical studies in the modern world 16.05.22 am

Topic - Issues of relationships			15-mark question focus		
	Textbook Pg.	Revision Guide Pg.		Textbook Pg.	Revision Guide Pg.
Adultery	15	7-8	Beliefs and attitudes about family including the roles of men and women	4-7	
Divorce	17-19	9	Beliefs about marriage out religious tradition (interfaith marriage)	13	5
Cohabitation	14	7	Different beliefs about cohabitation	14	7
Commitment	7	3	The nature of the Christian marriage ceremony and a Muslim marriage	8-10	6
Contraception	25	10	What is the importance/ purpose of the main features of a Christian wedding E.g. what does the rings symbolise?	8-10	5
Gender equality	29-21		Different attitudes towards adultery	15	7-8
Responsibilities	5	3	Different attitudes towards divorce, separation, annulment, and remarriage	17-19	9
Roles	5-6	3			
Topic - Issues of Life and Death			15-mark question focus		
The Afterlife	71-80	26-29	Christian ideas on the value of human life (story of Adam and Eve)	43	15-16
Environmental sustainability	49-50	18-19	Different Christian ideas on the sanctity of human life	55	21-22
Euthanasia	64-69	25	What do these verses tell us about the value of Human life? 'God saw all that he had made, and it was very good' "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart;	54	20
Evolution	39-41	17	Non-religious belief about evolution Darwin & Illusion of design	40-41	17
Abortion	60-62	23-24	Attitudes towards abortion	60-61	23-24
Quality of life	58-59	22	Attitudes towards Euthanasia	68-69	64-69
Sanctity of Life	54-57	21-22	Non-religious views on the importance of human life and animal life	57	18-20
The Soul	71	26	Peter singers' views on speciesism	52	22
			Dying with dignity movement (Humanism)	60	25

Topic - Issues of Good and Evil			15-mark question focus		
Good and Evil		30 40-41	What makes an act wrong? Laws, conscience, religious laws and teachings, situation ethics and types of morality	85	30
Forgiveness		38-39	Views on the causes of crime	88	32
Freewill		31	The aims of punishment	89	33
Morality		31	Christian and Muslim ideas on Justice and punishment	90-91	34
Punishment and Justice		31-37	The treatment of criminals in the 21 st Century and the work of prison reformers	91-93	35
Sin		34	The work of Prison Chaplains	94	35
Suffering		40-41	Reponses to the death penalty	97 -	36-37
Topic - Issues of Human Rights			15-mark question focus		
Censorship and social Justice	124&127 134-137	45&48	Beliefs and teachings on attitudes towards human dignity Genesis 1:26-27	128	44-45
Prejudice and Discrimination	140-150	49-51	Practices to promote human rights including equality: agape in action	128	47
Extremism	138-139	48	An example of a person who has come into conflict with the laws of a country (personal conviction) Malala, Oscar Romero, Martin Luther King	133	47 51-52
Human Rights	124	44-46	Arguments for and against censorship	134-135	48
Personal Conviction	126	47	Arguments for and against freedom of religious expression. Should people be able to express their faith however they wish?	136-137	46-47
Poverty	154-161	53-55	Religious extremism: What it is, why people may become extremist and the difference between acceptable freedom of speech as seen as extremist.	138-139	48

Component 2: Study of Christianity 26.05.22 pm

Christian beliefs, teachings and practices			15-mark question focus		
	Textbook Pg.	Revision Guide Pg.		Textbook Pg.	Revision Guide Pg.
Omnipotent /omnibenevolent	167-168	58-59	What Christians believe about the incarnation, what it is and why it is important	178	61-62
Trinity	171-172	60-61	What Christians believe about how and why Jesus was crucified	179	62-63
Incarnation, resurrection	178-182 188	62-64	Atonement: why does it mean? How is atonement linked to the Jewish context in which Jesus grew up in? how is sin linked to atonement: how is atonement linked to Jesus? P180-181 Leviticus 16: 20-21	180-181	63-64
Atonement	180 185	66	Atonement and forgiveness – The last supper Matthew 26: 26-29		66
Sacraments	198-202	73-78	Prophecy of the Messiah Isaiah 53: 3-9		61-62
Evangelism	212-215	78-82	Key events and the importance of the resurrection	181-182	64
			The importance of the ascension	182	65
			Mission and its importance	212	80-81
			Evangelism and its importance	212	80-81
			Church growth		

Component 3: Study of a world faith: ISLAM 08.06.22 pm

Muslim beliefs, teachings and practices			15-mark question focus		
Tawhid	231-232	108	Al-Qadr (Insha Allah, freewill)	246-247	114
Prophethood/Risalah	234-240	110-111	Akhirah	243	114-115
Haram and Halal	223	107	The Day of Judgment	243 & 247	113-115
Jihad – Greater and lesser	223	123-124	Jannah, Jahannam and Barzack	243-246	114-115
Mosque and festivals	118 142&225 267-272	125-126	The Five Pillars	251-254	118-121
Shariah	223	106-107	Jumu'ah prayers	255	119
Ummah	224-225	119			