

Introduction

The specification for A Level (A2) Religious Studies in a “normal” year comprises 3 units which together count towards the award of the Religious Studies A2 Level component of the A Level course.

Unit 3 A Study of Islam – this is a written examination of 1 hour 30 mins

Unit 4 Religion and Ethics – this is a written examination of 1 hour 30 mins

Unit 5 Philosophy of Religion – this is a written examination of 1 hour 30 mins

In June 2020 WJEC announced amendments to the A Level Religious Studies course due to the Covid-19 pandemic. These identified the removal of Theme 4 from Unit 5 (Philosophy of Religion). This has been reflected in the content that has been taught to Year 13 and is reflected in the assessment points shown below.

Sources of evidence for Centre Determined Grades in A2 Level Religious Studies

Assessment point 1 [BB] = Past paper question (AO1) on Religious Figures and Sacred Texts (Unit 3 – Islam) completed in lesson under high control conditions in the week beginning **9th November**. Assessed using WJEC past papers and mark schemes – **high control**.

Assessment point 2 [CJW] = Past paper question (AO2) on Religious Language (Unit 5 – Philosophy of Religion) completed at home under low control conditions due to a period of self-isolation/ lockdown. Students completed and submitted essays online via Teams in the week beginning **4th January**. Assessed using WJEC past papers and mark schemes – **low control**.

Assessment point 3 [BB] = Teacher devised question (AO2) on Significant social and historical developments in religious thought (Unit 3 – Islam) completed at home under timed conditions with access to supporting resources allowed (as directed/ advised by senior teachers) due to a period of self-isolation/ lockdown. Students completed and submitted essays online via Teams in the week beginning **1st February**. Assessed using WJEC marking guidance – **low control**.

Assessment point 4 [BB] = Past paper question (AO1) from Unit 3 Study of Islam to be completed in lesson under high control conditions in the week beginning **12th April**. Assessed using WJEC past paper and mark scheme – **high control**.

Assessment point 5 [CJW] = Past paper question (AO2) from Unit 4 Religion and Ethics to be completed in lesson under high control conditions in the week beginning **19th April**. Assessed using WJEC past paper and mark scheme – **high control**.

Assessment point 6 [CJW] = Past paper question (AO2) from Unit 5 Philosophy of Religion to be completed in lesson under high control conditions in the week beginning **26th April**. Assessed using WJEC past paper and mark scheme – **high control**.

Class work = A range of knowledge and skills are demonstrated by students in A Level Religious Studies (A2) lessons through their performance in low stakes tasks which might include verbal answers to question, small tasks carried out that are not necessarily graded or levelled and longer independent learning tasks.