

Introduction

The specification for AS Level Religious Studies in a “normal” year comprises 2 units which together count towards the award of the Religious Studies AS Level component of the A Level course.

Unit 1 Introduction to the Study of Islam – this is a written examination of 1 hour 15 mins

Unit 2 An Introduction to Religion and Ethics and Philosophy of Religion – this is a written examination of 1 hour 45 mins

In June 2020 WJEC announced amendments to the A Level Religious Studies course due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, there were no amendments made to the content of the AS Level component.

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

Assessment point 1 = Past paper question (AO1 and AO2) on Challenges to Religious Belief (Unit 2B – Philosophy of Religion) completed in lesson under high control conditions in the week beginning **16th November**. Assessed using WJEC past papers and mark schemes – **high control**.

Assessment point 2 = Past paper question (AO1 and AO2) on Religious Experience (Unit 2B – 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 **30th November**. Assessed using WJEC past papers and mark schemes – **low control**.

Assessment point 3 = Past paper question (AO1 and AO2) on Natural Law (Unit 2A – Religion and Ethics) 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 questions online via Teams in the week beginning **1st February**. Assessed using WJEC past paper and mark scheme – **Low control**.

Assessment point 4 = Past paper question (AO1 and AO2) from Unit 2A Religion and Ethics 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 = Past paper question (AO1 and AO2) from Unit 2B Philosophy of Religion 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 = Past paper question (AO1 and AO2) from Unit 1 Islam 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 AS Level Religious Studies 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.