

Introduction

The specification for GCSE Religious Studies in a “normal” year comprises of 2 units which together count towards the overall award of the Religious Studies GCSE.

Unit 1 Religion and Philosophical Themes – this is a written examination of 2 hours

Unit 2 Religion and Ethical Themes - this is a written examination of 2 hours

In June 2020 WJEC announced amendments to the GCSE Religious Studies course due to the Covid-19 pandemic. These identified removing the requirement to answer all four questions on each Unit exam, instead requiring candidates only to answer 3 of the 4 questions. This has been reflected in the content that has been taught to Year 11 and is reflected in the assessment points shown below.

Sources of evidence for Centre Determined Grades in GCSE Religious Studies

Assessment point 1 [BB] = Past paper question (part d. – AO2) on Life and Death (Unit 1) completed at home due to a period of self-isolation/ lockdown. Students completed and submitted their work online via Teams in the week beginning **11th November**. Assessed using WJEC past papers and mark scheme – **low control**.

Assessment point 2 [CJW] = Past paper question (full question – a to d; AO1 and AO2) on Relationships (Unit 2) completed in lesson under high control conditions in the week beginning **30th November**. Assessed using WJEC past papers and mark schemes – **high control**.

Assessment point 3 [CJW] = Past paper question (full question – a to d; AO1 and AO2) on Human Rights (Unit 2) 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 [BB] = Low stakes in-class questioning about relevant sections of Islam covered to date completed under very low control in the week beginning March 22nd.

Assessment point 5 [CJW] = Past paper questions covering all themes in Unit 2 (Islam, Relationships, Human Rights) and comprising a mixture of AO1 and AO2 elements, completed in lesson under high control conditions in the week beginning **12th April**. Assessed using WJEC past papers and mark schemes – **high control**.

Assessment point 6 [BB] = Past paper questions covering all themes in Unit 1 (Islam, Life and Death, Good and Evil) and comprising a mixture of AO1 and AO2 elements, completed in lesson under high control conditions in the week beginning **19th April**. Assessed using WJEC past papers and mark schemes – **high control**.

Class work = A range of knowledge and skills are demonstrated by students in Religious Studies lessons through their performance in low stakes summative tasks which might include recall tests, quizzes, verbal

answers to question, small tasks carried out that are not necessarily graded or levelled and longer independent learning tasks.