



GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES (Wales)

For teaching from 2016
For award from 2018

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT

Unit 1: Religious Responses to Philosophical Themes

Written examination: 2 hours

50% of qualification

126 marks

Part A: Candidates must study two core beliefs/teachings and two practices of Christianity **OR** Catholic Christianity **AND** one other of the six main world religions*: Judaism OR Islam OR Hinduism OR Sikhism OR Buddhism

***Candidates taking the Catholic Christianity option will study a further two beliefs/teachings and two practices from the Jewish perspective**

Part B: Candidates must also study the two philosophical themes (below) from the perspective of Christianity **OR** Catholic Christianity **AND** one other of the six main world religions*: Judaism OR Islam OR Hinduism OR Sikhism OR Buddhism

Life and Death Good and Evil

Candidates must also consider non-religious beliefs, such as those held by Humanists and Atheists (this will be explicitly assessed in the (e) question in the Life and Death theme)

***Candidates taking the Catholic Christianity option will study both themes from the Catholic and Jewish perspectives.**

Unit 2: Religious responses to Ethical Themes

Written examination: 2 hours

50% of qualification

126 marks

Part A: Candidates must study two core beliefs/teachings and two practices of Christianity **AND** one other of the six main world religions: Judaism OR Islam OR Hinduism OR Sikhism OR Buddhism

Part B: Candidates must also study the two ethical themes (below) from the perspective of Christianity **AND** one other of the six main world religions: Judaism OR Islam OR Hinduism OR Sikhism OR Buddhism

Relationships Human Rights

Candidates must also consider non-religious beliefs, such as those held by Humanists and Atheists

Unit 3: Catholic responses to Ethical Themes

Written examination: 2 hours

50% of qualification

126 marks

Part A: Candidates must study four core beliefs/teachings and four practices of Catholic Christianity.

Part B: Candidates must study the two ethical themes (below) from the perspective of Catholic Christianity.

Relationships Human Rights

Candidates must also consider non-religious beliefs, such as those held by Humanists and Atheists

Candidates study **two** units.

Candidates taking Unit 1 and Unit 2 will be entered for GCSE Religious Studies.

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This unitised qualification will be available in the summer series each year. There will be an opportunity to enter for Unit 1 in summer 2017. The full qualification will be awarded for the first time in summer 2018.

This draft summary provides an outline for the specification and sample assessment materials that are being developed for review by the regulator in Wales.