

A Level OCR Religious Studies, Philosophy & Ethics

There are three, two hour examinations papers. There are two assessment objectives in OCR RPE A Level.

A01: 40%

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religion and belief, including:

- Religious, philosophical and/or ethical thought and teaching
- Influence of beliefs, teachings and practices on individuals, communities and societies
- Cause and significance of similarities and differences in belief, teaching and practice
- Approaches to the study of religion and belief

A02: 60%

Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief, including their significance, influence and study.

Year 1

Philosophy of Religion

- Topic one - Ancient Philosophical influences
- Topic two – Soul, mind & body
- Topic three - Arguments based on observation
- Topic four – The problem of evil

Religion & Ethics

- Topic one – Natural Law
- Topic two – Situation ethics
- Topic three – Euthanasia
- Topic four – Kantian ethics
- Topic five – Utilitarianism
- Topic six – Business ethics

Developments in Christian thought

- Topic 1 - Augustine on human nature
- Topic 2 – Death and the Afterlife
- Topic 3 – Does God exist?
- Topic 4 – Identity of Jesus Christ
- Topic 5 – Christian moral principles
- Topic 6 – Christian moral action

Year 2

Philosophy of Religion

- Topic one - Religious experience
- Topic two – The nature or attributes of God
- Topic three – Religious language
- Topic four – 20th century perspectives & philosophical comparisons

Religion & Ethics

- Topic one – Meta ethical theories
- Topic two – Conscience
- Topic three – Sexual ethics
- Topic four – Revision

Developments in Christian thought

- Topic 1 - Religious pluralism and theology
- Topic 2 – Religious pluralism and society
- Topic 3 – Gender and society
- Topic 4 – Gender and theology
- Topic 5 - The Challenge of Secularism
- Topic 6 - Liberation Theology and Marx