

Philosophy and Religion

Title and exam board

AQA Religious Studies Specification A (8062)

Component 1a The study of religions

Component 2a Thematic Studies

Date of exams

Component 1a

The study of religions 14 May 2018 Duration: 1h 45m

Component 2a

Thematic Studies 16 May 2018 Duration: 1h 45m

Information about Questions

In each exam students complete 4 questions.

Component 1A: The study of religions

Students answer questions on two specified religions in. The religions studied in class are Christianity and Buddhism.

The option to complete exam questions on a different religion is

Please note that Christianity and Catholic Christianity is a prohibited combination

Component 2a: Thematic Studies

Students answer four questions from six religious, philosophical and ethical themes.

The themes studied in class are...

- Theme A: Relationships and families
- Theme B: Religion and life
- Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment
- Theme F: Religion, human rights and social justice

The questions are designed to test the students' factual knowledge of the subject matter (both religious and secular).

The questions are marked out of 24 - 12 marks for knowledge of the subject matter and 12 for their ability to apply religious understanding.

Questions may ask for factual information on a part of the topic, ask for students to express an opinion in relation to a quotation or evaluate different points of view - most usually after a quotation to provoke thought.

(For more detail look at sample past papers using the AQA website link below or contact Dr Perfect for information)

Topics to revise

For more detailed description of what to revise for each topic refer to the specification. The link for this is...

Component 1: The study of religions

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062/subject-content/component-1-the-study-of-religions-beliefs,-teachings-and-practices>

Component 2: Thematic Studies

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062/subject-content/component-2-thematic-studies>

Revision Guides

Revision guides have been provided to students for free in order to prepare for the mock exam.

Websites

The following websites are very good...

This is the address for the website for the exam board AQA

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/>

The following address is quite long but will take you straight to the past paper and mark scheme section of the AQA website

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062/assessment-resources>

(Alternatively search Google for "AQA religious studies GCSE past papers" and it is the top link on the results page

This is the link for the GCSE bitesize revision website

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/>

Another good revision site. This is for all exam boards so first of all check the Course Comparison link at the bottom of the page (then scroll all the way to the bottom for the relevant AQA topics)

<http://www.rsrevision.com/GCSE/index.htm>

Links to GCSEpod

GCSEpod has many topics available and students have been, and will continue to be, directed to this resource.

Where to find practice papers / mark schemes...

Practice papers and mark schemes are available from the AQA website – at the above website.

Examples can also be collected from Dr Perfect