

GCSE Philosophy and Ethics

Exam Structure: At Rossett, we do the AQA Religious Studies specification. The GCSE is split into two exams or components.

Philosophy (Component 1): The study of religious beliefs, teachings and practices

What is assessed?

Beliefs and practices from Christianity and Buddhism.

How is it assessed?

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
96 marks (plus 5 marks for SPaG)
50% of GCSE

Ethics (Component 2): Thematic studies

What is assessed?

- Theme B – Religion and life
- Theme D – Peace and conflict
- Theme E – Crime and punishment.
- Theme F – Human rights and social justice.

How is it assessed?

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Exam technique

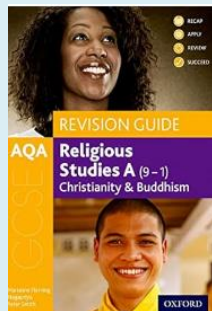
Each section has a common structure of one five-part question of 1, 2, 4, 5, 12 marks. Each theme is marked out of 24.

Watch the video for help on how to answer each type of exam question:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nlpc9UUCHp0&list=PL4dFxRzoWJRkEVHdi_NkOxrgHQ_4THPtZb&index=1

Knowledge to Learn

Prioritise which topic you are going to revise. Use the topic **checklists** here to help you.



Use the **knowledge organisers** here and your **revision guide** to try to **memorise this material**. Use strategies like **read, cover, write check, brain dumps and making flash cards/ mind maps** as part of this process.

Self Quizzing Materials

Self-test using **low stakes testing** to see if you have retained this information. This could include using **flash cards plus practicing some topic-based exam questions and self-assess** your answers using the mark scheme.

To help you do this we have made **Quizlets** for each topic. To access all the revision Quizlets, you need to make sure you have joined your class on Quizlet Plus. **Here is the link to join:**

<https://quizlet.com/join/34fX7QG64?i=170h8o&x=1bqt>

Exam Paper Practice

Exam materials including past papers, mark schemes and examiner reports can all be found here: [AQA | GCSE | Religious Studies A | Assessment resources](#)

Revision Videos

These links will take you to videos on YouTube and will help if you are unsure of any of the content.

Philosophy

Buddhism:

[GCSE Religious Studies Revision - Buddhism - YouTube](#)

Christianity:

[Nature of God \(AQA GCSE Religious Studies - Christian Beliefs\) REVISION - YouTube](#)

Ethics

Theme B – Religion and life

[THEME B RELIGION & LIFE KEY TERMS \(AQA GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES\) - YouTube](#)

Theme D – Peace and conflict

[GCSE Religious Studies - Peace & Conflict - Theme D \(AQA\) REVISION - YouTube](#)

Theme E – Crime and punishment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5R7vJcR27bE&list=PL4dFxRzoWJRIQDHid9fTN3BKlcf1vh6AS>

Theme F – Human rights and social justice.

[GCSE Religious Studies - Human Rights & Social Justice - Theme F \(AQA\) REVISION - YouTube](#)