

Component 1 - The Study of Religions, beliefs, teachings and practices

Success criteria for A01 (4 marks)

Level of response	Beliefs, practices and sources of authority	Mark awarded
4	Good knowledge and understanding of beliefs / practices / sources of authority. Different relevant and accurate points are clearly explained with some development of at least two.	
3	Knowledge and understanding of beliefs / practices / sources of authority. Different relevant and accurate points are explained with some development of one.	
2	Basic knowledge and understanding of beliefs / practices / sources of authority. Different relevant and accurate points with simple explanation / or one relevant and accurate point developed.	
1	Basic knowledge and understanding of on belief / practice / source of authority. A relevant and accurate point with simple explanation	
0	Nothing worthy of credit	
Example questions	Explain Christian beliefs about life after death.	
	Explain religious beliefs about miracles.	
	Explain 2 contrasting types of Christian pilgrimage.	
	Explain 2 ways in which Christian beliefs about the after-life influence Christians today	
	Explain 2 ways in which a belief in Jesus' crucifixion influences Christians today	
	Explain 2 contrasting ways in which Christians worship	

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Success criteria for A01 (5 marks)

Level of response	Influence of beliefs, practices and sources of authority on individuals, communities and societies	Mark awarded
5	Detailed knowledge and understanding of the effects of religion / belief / practice / text on individuals, communities or societies. Different effects are explained; at least two are clearly developed with some clear examples.	
4	Good knowledge and understanding of the effects of religion / belief / practice / text on individuals, communities or societies. Different effects are explained with some development of at least two.	
3	Knowledge and understanding of the effects of religion / belief / practice / text on individuals, communities or societies. Different effects are explained with some development of one.	
2	Basic knowledge and understanding of effects of the religion / belief / practice / text on individuals, communities or societies. Different effects with simple explanation or one effect explained with some development.	
1	Basic knowledge and understanding of the one effect of the religion / belief / practice / text on individuals, communities or societies. One effect with simple explanation.	
0	Nothing worthy of credit	
Example questions	Explain 2 reasons why Christians pray. Refer to teachings in your answer.	
	Explain two Christian teachings about God the creator. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer	
	Explain 2 Christian beliefs about salvation. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer	
	Explain 2 reasons why Christians pray. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer	
	Explain 2 ways that Christian charities help the poor in less economically developed countries. Refer to Christian teachings in your answer.	

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Success criteria for A02 (12 marks)

“Statement” followed by

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- Refer to the religious teaching
- Give detailed arguments to support this statement
- Give detailed arguments to support a different point of view
- Reach a justified conclusion

Level of response	A02 – success criteria of a 12 mark question	Mark awarded
Example answer		
4	A well-argued response, reasoned consideration of different points of view. Logical chains of reasoning leading to judgement(s) supported by knowledge and understanding of relevant evidence and information.	12
		11
		10
3	Reasoned consideration of different points of view. Logical chains of reasoning that draw on knowledge and understanding of relevant evidence and information	9
		8
		7
2	Reasoned consideration of a point of view. A logical chain of reasoning drawing on knowledge and understanding of relevant evidence and information.	6
		5
		4
1	Point of view with reason(s) stated in support.	3
		2
		1
0	Nothing worthy of credit.	0
	“The stories of the incarnation prove that Jesus was the son of God”	
	“The Crucifixion is more important to Christians than the resurrection”	
	‘Jesus’ teaching about wealth has no relevance for Christians today.’	
	“The most important religious festival for Christians is Christmas”	
	“The most important duty of the Church is to help people in need”	

Component 2 - Thematic Studies - Religious, philosophical and ethical theme

The Existence of God and Revelation / Religion and Life / Religion Crime and Punishment / Religion, human rights and social Justice

Success criteria for A01 (4 marks)

Level of response	A01 - Success criteria of 5 mark responses – Similarities and differences within and / or between religions and beliefs on philosophical and ethical themes	Mark awarded
4	Good knowledge and understanding of beliefs / practices / sources of authority. Different relevant and accurate points are clearly explained with some development of at least two	
3	Knowledge and understanding of beliefs / practices / sources of authority. Different relevant and accurate points are explained with some development of one	
2	One relevant and accurate belief / practice / source of authority explained.	
1	One relevant and accurate belief / practice / source of authority identified.	
0	Nothing worthy of credit	
Example questions	Explain 2 contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about Euthanasia. In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions.	
	Explain 2 contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about the Design Argument. In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and non-religious beliefs.	
	Explain 2 contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about corporal punishment. In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions.	
	Explain 2 contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about whether the death penalty should exist in the UK. In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions.	
	Explain 2 contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about what role women should be allowed in worship. In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions.	

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Level of response	A01 - Success criteria of a 5 mark question - Similarities and differences within and / or between religions and beliefs on philosophical and ethical themes	Mark awarded
5	Detailed knowledge and understanding of different beliefs / attitudes / views in contemporary British society. Different views are explained, and at least two different views are clearly developed. Clear evidence of contemporary views is presented.	
4	Good knowledge and understanding of different beliefs / attitudes / views in contemporary British society. Different views are explained with some development at least two different views.	
3	Knowledge and understanding of different beliefs / attitudes / views in contemporary British society. Different views are explained with some development of one. Answers that do not deal with religious views cannot achieve more than level 3.	
2	Basic knowledge and understanding of different beliefs / attitudes / views in contemporary British society, or slightly developed awareness of one view. Different views with simple explanation, or one view explained with some development.	
1	Basic knowledge and understanding of one different belief / attitude / view in contemporary British society, One view with simple explanation.	
0	Nothing worthy of credit.	
Example questions	Explain 2 reasons why Christians believe reformation is the best aim of punishment. Refer to sacred scripture in your answer.	
	Explain different attitudes in contemporary British society to the issue of abortion. Refer to sacred scripture in your answer.	
	Explain 2 different religious beliefs about what happens when a person dies. Refer to sacred scripture in your answer.	
	Explain 2 religious beliefs about visions. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.	
	Explain 2 different religious beliefs about reasons why some people commit crimes. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.	
	Explain 2 different religious beliefs about social justice. Refer to sacred scripture in your answer.	

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Example questions	“Religious believers should not eat meat.”	
	“Revelations cannot teach people anything about God”	
	“The First Cause argument proves that God exists”	
	“It is right to forgive all offenders whoever they are and whatever they have done.”	
	“Racism is the worst form of prejudice”	
	“All religious believers must give to charities that help the poor”	