GCE A LEVEL

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

A120PA

Summer 2022 examinations

Component 1	Option A: A Study of Christianity	Thursday, 09 June 2022
Component 2	Philosophy of Religion	Tuesday, 14 June 2022
Component 3	Religion and Ethics	Tuesday, 21 June 2022

Advance Information

General information for students and teachers

This advance information provides the focus of the content of the summer 2022 examination papers.

It does not apply to any other examination series.

It is intended to support revision.

It may be used at any time from the date of release.

It must not be taken into the examination.

Subject information for students and teachers

A guidance document on advance information has been produced by The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) on behalf of all awarding organisations. It can be found [here](#).

This advance information covers Component 1, Component 2 and Component 3.

The following areas of content are suggested as key areas of focus for revision and final preparation, in relation to the Summer 2022 examinations.

The aim should still be to cover all specification content in teaching and learning.

The information below identifies the main subject topic areas used as the primary focus of the summer 2022 assessments. Students' responses to individual questions should draw upon other areas of specification content where relevant, and credit will be given for this.

Component 1 Option A: A Study of Christianity	
Section A:	questions in this section will be taken from Theme1 Religious figures and sacred texts, which consists of the following six sub-themes:
Theme 1A:	Jesus – his birth
Theme 1B:	Jesus – his resurrection
Theme 1C:	The Bible as a source of wisdom and authority in daily life
Theme 1D:	The Bible as a source of wisdom and authority
Theme 1E:	The early church (in Acts of the Apostles)
Theme 1F:	Two views of Jesus
Section B:	questions from this section will be taken from any three of the following six sub-themes:
Theme 2A:	Religious concepts – the nature of God
Theme 2B:	Religious concepts – the Trinity
Theme 2C:	Religious concepts – the Atonement
Theme 2D:	Religious life – faith and works
Theme 3C:	The relationship between religion and society: religion, equality and discrimination
Theme 3D:	The relationship between religion and society: respect and recognition and the ways that religious traditions view other religions and non-religious worldviews and their truth claims. Historical developments in religious thought – challenges from secularisation.

Component 2: Philosophy of Religion	
Section A:	questions in this section will be taken from Theme 4: Religious language
Theme 4A:	Inherent problems of religious language
Theme 4B:	Religious language as cognitive (traditional religious view), but meaningless (Logical Positivists' view)
Theme 4C:	Religious language as non-cognitive and analogical
Theme 4D:	Religious language as non-cognitive and symbolic
Theme 4E:	Religious language as non-cognitive and mythical
Theme 4F:	Religious language as a language game
Section B:	questions from this section will be taken from any three of the following six sub-themes:
Theme 1D:	Deductive arguments – origins of the ontological argument
Theme 1E:	Deductive arguments – developments of the ontological argument
Theme 2D:	Religious belief as a product of the human mind – Sigmund Freud
Theme 2E:	Religious belief as a product of the human mind – Carl Jung
Theme 3E:	Miracles the definitions of
Theme 3F:	A comparative study of two key scholars from within and outside the Christian tradition and their contrasting views on the possibility of miracles

Component 3: Religion and Ethics	
Section A:	questions in this section will be taken from Theme 1: Ethical Thought
Theme 1A:	Divine Command Theory
Theme 1B:	Virtue Theory
Theme 1C:	Ethical Egoism
Theme 1D:	Meta-ethical approaches – Naturalism
Theme 1E:	Meta-ethical approaches – Intuitionism
Theme 1F:	Meta-ethical approaches – Emotivism
Section B:	questions from this section will be taken from any three of the following six sub-themes:
Theme 2A:	St Thomas Aquinas' Natural Law – laws and precepts as the basis of morality
Theme 2C:	Aquinas' Natural Law – application of the theory
Theme 3E:	John Stuart Mill's development of Utilitarianism – types of pleasure, the harm principle and the use of rules
Theme 3F:	Bentham's Act Utilitarianism and Mill's Rule Utilitarianism – application of the theory
Theme 4B:	Concepts of determinism
Theme 4C:	The implications of predestination / determinism

End of advance information