

## **Ethics and Philosophy GCSE Specification Course Outline**

### **Assessment**

Qualification: GCSE

Awarding body: AQA

This qualification is linear. This means that there is no coursework and students will sit all exams at the end of the course.

### **Component 1: The Study of Religions: Beliefs, Teachings and Practices**

#### **What is assessed?**

- Christianity: Beliefs and Teachings
- Christianity: Practices
- Islam: Beliefs and Teachings
- Islam: Practices

#### **How is it assessed?**

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 96 marks, plus 6 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG)
- 50% of GCSE

#### **Questions**

- Each question has a common structure of two five-part questions of 1, 2, 4, 5 and 12 marks.
- Each religion is marked out of 48.

### **Component 2: Thematic Studies (Ethics)**

#### **What is assessed?**

Religious, Philosophical and Ethics Studies Themes:

- Theme A: Relationships and Families
- Theme B: Religion and Life
- Theme D: Religion, Peace and Conflict
- Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment

#### **How is it assessed?**

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 96 marks, plus 3 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG)
- 50% of GCSE

#### **Questions**

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

### **Link to AQA course specification**

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062/specification-at-a-glance>

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