



GCSE



C120U10-1

TUESDAY, 13 MAY 2025 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES Route A – Component 1

**Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the
Modern World**

2 hours plus your additional time allowance

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First name(s) _____

Centre Number _____

Candidate Number 0 _____

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Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
1.	30	
SPaG	6	
2.	30	
3.	30	
4.	30	
Total	126	

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the front cover.

Answer ALL questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. If you run out of space, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet, taking care to number the question(s) correctly.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

Your ability to spell, punctuate and use accurate grammar is assessed in question 1(d).

You are expected to use specialist terminology accurately and make reference to sources of religious wisdom and authority (including religious texts) where relevant.

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Answer ALL questions.

1. ISSUES OF RELATIONSHIPS

(a) What is meant by 'gender equality'? [2 marks]

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1 (b) Describe, from ONE religion, attitudes to divorce.

[5 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

[illegible]

1 (c) Explain, from EITHER TWO religions OR TWO religious traditions, beliefs about the role of women in worship. [8 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

[illegible]

(Turn over)

- 1 (d) 'Religious believers should never live together (cohabit) without being married.'

Discuss this statement, showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

Marks for spelling, punctuation and the accurate use of grammar are allocated to this question.

[6 marks]

(Turn over)

2. ISSUES OF LIFE AND DEATH

- (a) What is meant by 'environmental sustainability'?**
[2 marks]

2 (b) Describe, from ONE religion, beliefs about how the universe began. [5 marks]

[illegible]

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2 (c) Explain, from EITHER TWO religions OR TWO religious traditions, teachings about life after death. [8 marks]

[illegible]

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2 (d) 'A person should always be allowed to choose euthanasia.'

Discuss this statement, showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must refer to religious and non-religious beliefs, such as those held by Humanists and Atheists, in your answer.) [15 marks]

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3. ISSUES OF GOOD AND EVIL

(a) What is meant by 'justice'? [2 marks]

3 (b) Describe, from ONE religion, what makes an act ‘wrong’. [5 marks]

[illegible]

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3 (c) Explain, from EITHER TWO religions OR TWO religious traditions, the origins of evil. [8 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

3 (d) 'Religious believers should agree with the death penalty.'

Discuss this statement, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

[illegible]

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4. ISSUES OF HUMAN RIGHTS

(a) What is meant by 'prejudice'? [2 marks]

4 (b) Describe how religious charities work to reduce poverty. [5 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

4 (c) Explain, from EITHER TWO religions OR TWO religious traditions, attitudes about the dignity of human life. [8 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

4 (d) 'Religious believers should obey the teachings of their religion instead of the laws of a country.'

Discuss this statement, showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

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