

How to Succeed in Religious Studies

Course Information

Exam Board	Edexcel
Exam Structure	<p>GCSE Religious Studies B</p> <p>Paper 1 (1RB0 1B – Religion and Ethics) Christianity Paper 2 (1RB0 2C – Religion, Peace, and Conflict) Islam</p> <p>Each paper is worth 50% of the final grade and there are certain elements that a student must incorporate into their short, medium, and longer answers. There are two questions on each paper whereby SPaG is assessed on the 12-mark answers.</p>
Specification weblink	https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Religious%20Studies/2016/Specification%20and%20sample%20assessments/specification-gcse-l1-l2-religious-studies-b-june-2016-draft-4.pdf
Practice exam papers weblink	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/religious-studies-b-2016.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials

Units/Topics studied

Over the 2-year course of study students will have covered various perspectives, focusing on Christianity and Islam based upon the following moral issues:

Religion and Ethics - Christianity

Belief in God

Marriage and the Family

Living the religious life

Matters of life and death

Religion, Peace, and Conflict – Islam

Belief in God

Crime and punishment

Living the religious life

Peace and conflict

Revision strategies and materials

Effective revision strategies

- Knowledge tests
- Summary or concept grid sheets
- Past papers
- Flashcards
- Help sheet - how to answer GCSE RS style exam questions
- BUG Method for Part D
- Part D planning sheets / mind map or grid
- Student teacher – Teacher another student

Revision materials:

- How to answer GCSE RS exam style questions sheet
- Specification checklist
- Specification vocabulary checklist
- Sources of wisdom and authority quotations sheet
- Non-religious definitions sheet
- Topic summary sheets
- Revision methods worksheets
- Practise exam questions
- Workbook references to practise questions

Approved revision guides and ISBN:

- GCSE Religious Studies for Edexcel B (9-1): Religion and Ethics through Christianity and Religion, Peace and Conflict through Islam Revision Guide - GCSE Religious Studies for Edexcel B (9-1). ISBN13 9780198432562
- Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies, Christianity & Islam Revision Guide: ISBN 9781292148823
- Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies B, Christianity and Islam Revision Workbook: For 2024 and 2025 assessments and exams (Revise Edexcel GCSE Religious Studies 16): ISBN13 9781292148816

Links to online revision resources:

GCSE POD - click on video links below:

Christianity – religion and Ethics

https://members.gcsepod.com/content?subject_id=6024&exam_board_id=1037&topic_id=8652

Islam – Peace and Conflict

https://members.gcsepod.com/content?subject_id=6024&exam_board_id=1037&topic_id=8866

GCSE Bitesize – Edexcel Religious Studies – click on videos for Christianity and Islam

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zm9pd6f>