

Year 10 Specification: OCR Religious Studies B

Unit 1 Title:
Philosophy 1 – Belief
in Deity

Content breakdown

Students will be learning about the attributes traditionally associated with God and evaluating arguments for God's existence including;

- The cosmological argument
- The teleological argument
- Arguments from experience
- Pascal's wager

Students will also be investigating stories of miracles, both biblical and modern.

During this unit students are expected to establish a basic grounding in fundamental academic essay writing technique, as well as a foundation in the key words and facts related to Christianity.

End of unit assessment:

Past exam paper

Unit 2 Title: Ethics 1
– Medical Ethics

Content breakdown

Students explore issues in modern medical ethics and how philosophers respond to them. These issues include;

- Abortion
- Fertility treatment
- Cloning
- Euthanasia

Students will be learning about real life cases and justifying their position on the right course of action.

In this unit students are expected to learn about and apply the fundamental principles of the ethical theories of

- Utilitarianism
- Natural Law theory
- Situation ethics

End of unit assessment:

Past exam paper

Unit 3 Title: Phil 1 –
The End of Life

Content breakdown

Students investigate claims about what happens after we die and weigh up the evidence both for and against the existence of an afterlife. They also study Christian beliefs about life after death, including concepts such as

- The soul
- Heaven
- Hell
- Purgatory
- General and particular judgements
- Salvation
- Redemption

By this point in the course, students should be becoming increasingly skilled at explaining the link between beliefs and their impact on people's lives.

End of unit assessment:

Past exam paper

Unit 4 Title: Ethics 1 Human
Relationships

Content breakdown

Unit 4 provides students with the opportunity to engage with a range of views around the ethics of sex and human relationships. Topics include

- The ethics of sex and contraception
- The purpose of marriage
- The ethics of divorce and remarriage
- The ethics of same sex marriage and civil partnerships
- The roles of men and women in society and in Christian churches

Students should be becoming increasingly comfortable with writing critical, challenging discussion type essays that evaluate a range of perspectives on each issue.

End of unit assessment:

Past exam paper