

WJEC GCE AS RELIGIOUS STUDIES (Wales)

For teaching from 2016

For AS award from 2017

For A level award from 2018

DRAFT SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT

AS (2 units)

AS Unit 1: An Introduction to the Study of Religion

Written examination: 75 minutes

15% of qualification

This unit offers the choice of the study of **one** religion from a choice of six:

Option A:	Option B:	Option C:	Option D:	Option E:	Option F:
Christianity	Islam	Judaism	Buddhism	Hinduism	Sikhism

There will be four themes within each option: religious figures and sacred texts; religious concepts; religious life; and religious practices.

Learners will be expected to answer **two** questions from a choice of **four** in this section.

AS Unit 2: An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion / Religion and Ethics

Written examination: 105 minutes

25% of qualification

Section A: An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

There will be four themes within this unit: cosmological arguments for the existence of God; teleological arguments for the existence of God; the non-existence of God - the problem of evil; and religious experience.

Learners will be expected to answer **one** question from a choice of **three** in this section.

Section B: An Introduction to Religion and Ethics

There will be four themes within this unit (including applied ethics in themes two to four): ethical language and thought, Aquinas' Natural Law, Fletcher's Situation Ethics and Utilitarianism.

Learners will be expected to answer **one** question from a choice of **three** in this section.

Learners will also be required to choose one further question from the remaining questions in either Section A or Section B.

A level (AS plus a further 3 units – see below)

A2 Unit 3: Study of a Religion (COMPULSORY unit)

Written examination: 90 minutes

20% of qualification

One knowledge-based question and two analytical questions taken from four themes:

Religious figures and sacred texts, significant historical development in religious thought, significant social development in religious thought and religious practices that shape religious identity.

A2 Unit 4: Religion and Ethics (optional unit)

Written examination: 90 minutes

20% of qualification

One knowledge-based question and two analytical questions taken from four themes:

Ethical language and thought, Kant's Moral Theory, contemporary developments in ethical theory and freewill and determinism.

A2 Unit 5: Philosophy of Religion (optional unit)

Written examination: 90 minutes

20% of qualification

One knowledge-based question and two analytical questions taken from four themes:

Ontological arguments for the existence of God, challenges to religious belief, religious experience and religious language.

A2 Unit 6: Textual Studies - New Testament only (optional unit)

Written examination: 90 minutes

20% of qualification

One knowledge-based question and two analytical questions taken from four themes:

New Testament literature - Parables, Miracles, The Letters and Apocalyptic.

This draft summary provides an outline for the specification and sample assessment materials that are being developed for review by the regulator in Wales.