

ADVANCED GCE Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

EXAMINING BOARD: EDUQAS

Minimum Entry Requirements: GCSE RE Grade 9- 4 (full course) or 9-4 English Language

KEY FEATURES OF THE COURSE:

Are you interested in people, how they behave and what motivates them?

On the course you will:

- Consider a range of ethical and religious issues facing individuals and communities today.
- Develop enquiring, critical and evaluative skills.
- Reflect on and develop your own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of your learning.
- It can be successfully combined with a wide range of other subjects; it is highly regarded by universities and helps develop skills required for a range of careers including: law, education, social work, medicine, nursing, politics, administration and the media.

CONTENT COVERED IN YEAR 12

Module 1 - Buddhism:

- The Life of the Buddha;
- Buddhist ideas such as the afterlife;
- Buddhist moral principles e.g. the eight-fold path and 5 precepts;
- Religious practices and religious identity.

Module 2 – Philosophy of Religion:

- Arguments for the existence of God; and challenges to these arguments;
- Challenges to religious belief; problem of evil; psychology of religion;
- Religious experience; miracles and challenges to the existence of miracles;
- Religious language; how we can speak about religion and how effective it can be.

Module 3 – Religion & Ethics:

- Ethical language and thought; moral absolutism and relativism;
- Deontological ethics; Natural Law; Kantian Ethics and applying these to different issues;
- Teleological ethics; Situation Ethics and Utilitarianism and applying these to different issues;
- Freewill and determinism; whether we have true free will or have a predestination.

CONTENT COVERED IN YEAR 13

Module 1 – Buddhism

- Key Buddhist teachings and modern writers
- Different branches of Buddhism and if Buddhism is an atheist faith
- Women in Buddhism
- Practices; mandalas, mindfulness and Peace Movements

Module 2 – Philosophy

- Religion as a product of the mind
- Miracle
- Religious language

Module 3 – Ethics

- Meta-ethics
- Modern interpretations of Natural Law
- Freewill and determinism

TYPE OF ASSESSMENT IN YEAR 13

Paper 1 – Buddhism	2 hour written exam	33.3%
Paper 2 - Philosophy	2 hour written exam	33.3%
Paper 3 - Ethics	2 hour written exam	33.3%