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GCE A level Religious Studies



**Student friendly level
descriptors: Clarify**

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About this resource

This resource aims to provide clear and student-friendly level descriptors for the 10-mark 'Clarify' question. It details the criteria required to achieve levels 1 to 3, with comprehensive descriptions of the specific actions and knowledge students need to demonstrate at each level.



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Level 1 (1-3 marks)

Command word	Definition	Assessment Objectives
Clarify	Identify key ideas and explain key concepts.	10 AO1

Descriptor	Student friendly descriptor
A narrow range of knowledge, specialist language and terminology are selected but are unlikely to be used appropriately or accurately (AO1).	The answer has used a few subject-specific words, but they are not always used correctly or in the right way.
Knowledge and understanding of key religious ideas and beliefs is superficial (AO1).	The answer shows a basic understanding of key religious ideas and beliefs, but it doesn't go into much detail.
Knowledge and understanding addresses a narrow range of key religious ideas and beliefs with some inaccuracies that are not directly linked to the extract (AO1).	The answer shows a small number of key religious ideas and beliefs but there are some inaccuracies which are not clearly linked to the extract.

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Level 2 (4-6 marks)

Command word	Definition	Assessment Objectives
Clarify	Identify key ideas and explain key concepts.	10 AO1

Descriptor	Student friendly descriptor
A range of knowledge, specialist language and terminology are selected most of which are used appropriately with some inaccuracies (AO1).	The answer shows a range of knowledge and subject-specific words which are used appropriately for most of the answer but there may be some inaccuracies.
Knowledge and understanding of key religious ideas and beliefs is detailed, however it is not fully developed (AO1).	The answer shows understanding of important religious ideas and beliefs but could benefit from further elaboration.
Knowledge and understanding addresses a narrow range of key religious ideas and beliefs and are linked in most cases to reference from the extract (AO1).	The answer shows a small number of key religious ideas and beliefs which are supported in most cases by references to the extract.

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Level 3 (7-10 marks)

Command word	Definition	Assessment Objectives
Clarify	Identify key ideas and explain key concepts.	10 AO1

Descriptor	Student friendly descriptor
A wide range of knowledge, specialist language and terminology are carefully selected and used appropriately, accurately and sustained throughout (AO1).	A wide range of knowledge and subject-specific words are carefully chosen and used correctly and consistently throughout the answer.
Knowledge and understanding of key religious ideas and beliefs is detailed and fully developed (AO1).	The answer shows detailed and well explained understanding of important religious ideas and beliefs.
Knowledge and understanding addresses a broad range of key religious ideas and beliefs and is fully linked to references from the extract (AO1).	The answer shows a strong and well-developed understanding of a large range of key religious ideas, clearly supported by references to the extract.