



Frequently Asked Questions:

GCSE Religious Studies Specification A (1RA0)
advance information for summer 2022
assessments

General

What is the purpose of advance information?

The purpose of advance information is to make the exam period in 2022 less daunting for GCSE, AS and A level students and to focus their revision time for their examinations, across all their chosen subjects. This information was shared on 7th February 2022 and can be accessed for all subjects and qualifications from our [summer 2022 support page](#).

Why does the Religious Studies advance information look so different to the advance information for other subjects?

It is not possible to compare approaches across different subjects as the content and the design of the specification and assessments are different. The awarding organisations were all involved in identifying the aspects of Religious Studies for which we would all be able to provide advance information in a comparable way.

Subject Specific

I have received Advance Information for Paper 1 (for sections 1 & 3) and Paper 2 (for section 1 only) what does this mean?

For these sections, questions can only sample from the specification bullet points listed in the Advance Information.

What about sections 2 and 4, which are not outlined in the Advance Information?

Sections 2 and 4 will follow the normal examination rules.

This means that, for Paper 1, questions in section 2 and 4 can sample content from all 8 specification bullet points (2.1-2.8 and 4.1-4.8).

For Paper 2,3 and 4, questions in section 2 can sample content from all specification bullet points (2.1-2.8).

Will the GCSE Religious Studies Summer 2022 assessment exam format be the same?

Yes, it will be presented in the same format as before.

There will be four sections with a, b, c & d questions on Paper 1 and candidates must answer all the questions included in the exam.

There will be two sections with a, b, c & d questions on Paper 2,3 and 4 and candidates must answer all the questions.

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Why did you not give 100% Advanced Information for the Summer 2022 assessments?

Advance Information will not always detail everything that is in the examination. In some cases, this would risk good education, progression, or fair results; in others it would be unhelpful to teachers and students, for example by listing topics that could lead to excessive teaching or revision on areas that are worth few marks.

In some subjects, Advance Information will focus on all or most of the examined content in 2022 but in other subjects it will focus on one paper or section due to the nature of the subject or the assessment.

For GCSE Religious Studies (1RA0), the exam papers for Summer 2022 contain four sections for Paper 1 and two sections for Paper 2,3 and 4. There is no change to the length or timings of the exams. The Advanced Information is intended to communicate in advance some of the aspects of the specification that will be assessed in the examination papers.