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Paper 3: Coursework

General comments

The coursework option for IGCSE Religious Studies is available for those centres which do not wish to enter candidates for the paper 2 examination. The aim of the coursework is to assess candidates' knowledge and understanding of one or two major world faiths (AO1 and AO2). Evaluation (AO3) is not necessary for 4425/03.

The coursework itself consists of a piece of writing of not more than 1500 words on a topic which may be set by the centre itself, as long as the given topic covers the agreed assessment objectives (subject to approval from Edexcel). If centres do not wish to set their own tasks, a selection of pre-approved tasks may be found in the published specification.

Centres are required to standardise the marking of their own candidates' work, and then send a sample of this work to an external moderator to ensure consistency of assessment across centres.

Comments on the November 2009 coursework entry

For this series' entry, centres generally chose to set tasks of their own, which in all cases covered the assessment objectives. Similarly, it was pleasing to note a consistently high standard of administration and internal standardisation. No significant adjustments were necessary for any centre, and all marks were well within tolerance.

The coursework presented was overwhelmingly of a high standard which reflected well on the preparation of centre staff and candidates. Where candidates did not gain marks it was mainly due to a concentration of work on one particular aspect of a task rather than the task as a whole. Where this was the case, even detailed and factually correct answers which showed good understanding, could not be credited with the full marks. In all other cases the candidates showed good understanding and a comprehensive knowledge of their chosen topics.

Statistics

IGCSE Religious Studies (4425) Grade Boundaries

Option 1 (paper 1 & paper 2)

Grade	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Overall boundary mark	84	70	56	43	34	25	16	7

Option 2 (paper 1 & paper 3)

Grade	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Overall boundary mark	81	68	55	42	33	24	16	8

Note: Grade Boundaries may vary from year to year and from subject to subject depending on the demands of the question paper

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