

# **Course Title: Religious Studies Specification B**

## **Examination Board: WJEC**

### **Short Course & Full Course – course outline for both exams**

#### **Religion & Life issues**

There are five units you need to learn. Below is a list of topics within each unit. All units look at Christianity and Islam.

#### **Unit 1: Relationships**

<b>Christianity</b>	<b>Islam</b>
Sex and marriage are gifts from God – Matthew 19:4-6	Sex and marriage to reflect the will of Allah – surah 30:20
Sexual desire should be channelled into marriage – 1 Corinthians 7:9	Arranged marriage
Marriage Vows	Marriage contract and dowry
Contraception	Polygamy and justice to each wife – surah 4:3
Adultery, separation and divorce – Matthew 19:9, Corinthians 7:10-11	Adultery – surah 17:34
	Divorce

#### **Unit 2: Is it Fair?**

<b>Christianity</b>	<b>Islam</b>
Concern for those in need – Matthew 25:34-40	Shariah: living responsibly, care for others – Surah 90:12-15
Love one another – John 13:34	Justice for all – Surah 4:133
Commitment to Christ removes social, racial and gender divisions	Racial equality within Islam, concept of ummah
The work of a Christian individual or organisation to champion human rights e.g. Martin Luther King	Women's rights
The work of a Christian individual or organisation to alleviate poverty e.g. Christian Aid, Cafod	Zakah and sadaqah
	Work of one Muslim organisation or individual to alleviate poverty e.g. Muslim Aid

### Unit 3: Looking For Meaning

Christianity	Islam
God as spirit; God as Creator	The unity of God – Tawhid
Jesus as Lord, Son of God and Redeemer	The qualities of Allah – 99 names
Christian beliefs in free will	Life is sacred – Surah 17:33
1 Corinthians 10:3, Job 12:10 Life belongs to God	Suicide and euthanasia are against the will of Allah – surah 3:145
Christian views of afterlife; notions of judgement, heaven and hell	Belief in life after death, akhirah; judgement day, heaven and hell – surah 98:5-8
Christian views of suicide and euthanasia	

### Unit 4: Identity and Belonging

Christianity	Islam
Children's duties to parents – Exodus 20:12	Initiation: welcome into the ummah, aqiqah, khitan, bismillah
Infant and adult baptism; confirmation	Expectations of children – surah 17:23-24
Fellowship in worship: Eucharist etc	Five pillars of faith – particularly salah (prayer)
Christmas & Easter	Festivals: Id-ul-Fitr and Id-ul-Adha
Symbols of belongings, fish, crucifix, priests vestments, Salvationist uniform	Symbols of belonging – dress, star and crescent
Free Will – Genesis 2:15-17	Al-Qadr predestination; free will

### Unit 5: Our World

Christianity	Islam
Creation – literal and non literal views	Creation – Muslim view
God's purpose & humankind's stewardship (Genesis 2:15-25)	Muslims as Khalifah's – guardians of the planet
Responsibility to love God and neighbour – Mark 12:28-31	Animal Rights
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Human dominion as justification for exploitation of planet (Genesis 1:26)	Mutual responsibility in the ummah