



Subject	Theology and Religious Studies		
Title/Topic	Format	Length	Date
Paper 1	Christianity exam question	1 hour	w/c 12 June
Paper 2	Philosophy exam question	1 hour	w/c 12 June

This assessment will test my knowledge on...

Christianity

You will have one complete (a and b) question to write, out of a choice of two. Please revise:

Religious concepts – the Trinity:

The need for the doctrine of the Trinity: the nature and identity of Christ (issues of divinity and pre-existence) and Christ's relationship with the Father (co-equal and co-eternal). The origin of the Holy Spirit: the filioque controversy.

Evaluation:

The monotheistic claims of the doctrine of the Trinity.

Whether the doctrine of the Trinity is necessary to understand the God of Christianity.

Is God male?

The issue of male language about God; the pastoral benefits and challenges of the model of Father; Sallie McFague and God as Mother.

Evaluation:

The validity of referring to God as mother.

Philosophy of Religion

The nature of religious experience with particular reference to:

Visions – sensory; intellectual; dreams.

Conversion – individual/communal; sudden/gradual.



Mysticism – transcendent; ecstatic and unitive.

Prayer – types and stages of prayer according to Teresa of Avila.

Evaluation:

The impact of religious experiences upon religious belief and practice.

Whether different types of religious experience can be accepted as equally valid in communicating religious teachings and beliefs.

Atheism:

Rejection of belief in deities; the difference between agnosticism and atheism; the rise of New Atheism (antitheism); its main criticisms of religion: non-thinking; infantile worldview; impedes scientific progress.

Religious responses to the challenge of New Atheism: rejection by religious groups of New Atheist claims regarding incompatibility of science and religion; increase in fundamentalist religious activity relating to morality and community; increase in religious apologists in media.

Evaluation:

The success of atheistic arguments against religious belief.

The extent to which religious responses to New Atheism have been successful.

What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?

To prepare for this assessment:

1. Use the information on this sheet to organise your notes.
2. Use strategies such as making a mind map or using flash cards to revise the material you need to revise.
3. Ask someone to quiz you on this material or use look, cover, write, check to prepare.
4. Use sample questions from the text book to test your ability to plan out answers.

What useful websites/resources could I use to help me prepare?

Use your text books and the exam board knowledge organisers.