


EDUCAS: A Level Year 1: Religious Studies: Ethics

Component 3: An introduction to Religion and Ethics

Exam Board: Educas: GCE AS Religious Studies

 Holly Lodge High School College of Science						
Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus: The Study of Religion and Ethical Thought.	Explore the nature of Ethical thought. Focus on the Divine Command Theory. Focus on Virtue Theory. Explore Ethical Egoism.	Explore the Meta Ethical approach. Focus on Naturalism. Explore Intuitionism. Explore Emotivism	Explore Deontological Ethics Focus on Aquinas' Natural Law, and other variations of this. Application of Natural Law to moral issues.	Teleological Ethics The Ten Principles of Situation Ethics. Situation Ethics. Application of Situation Ethics. Utilitarianism Application of Utilitarianism.	Explore Determinism and Free will John Calvin's concept of Predestination. Implications of Predestination and determinism. Explore free Will Implications of Free Will	

Key Tasks	Discuss Ethical theories in relation to ethical dilemmas.	Understand the Meta Ethical approach	Explore the nature of Deontological Ethics	Explore the nature of Teleological Ethics	Understand the idea of Predestination. Focus on St. Augustine's and John Calvin's concept of this.	Exam Practice/ Revision of units of work studied.
	The Divine Command Theory, its uses and criticisms.	Understand Naturalism, its uses and criticisms.	Explore Aquinas' Natural Law, its uses and criticisms.	Understand Ten Principles of Situation Ethics.	Gain an understanding of Determinism, its uses and criticisms.	
	Virtue Theory, its uses and criticisms.	Understand Intuitionism, its uses and criticisms.	Understand the Four Levels of Natural Law	Gain knowledge on uses and criticisms of Situation Ethics.	Explore the implications of Predestination and Determinism.	
	Ethical Egoism, its uses and criticisms.	Understand Emotivism, its uses and criticisms.	To apply the theory of Natural Law to moral issues (abortion/euthanasia)	To apply Situation Ethics to moral issues. (Homosexual/Polyamorous relationships)	Understand the idea of Free Will. Focus on Plagius' and Arminius' concept of this.	
				To understand various forms of Utilitarianism, their uses and criticism.	Explore the implications of these.	
				To apply the theory Utilitarianism to moral issues. (Animal experimentation/Use of Nuclear weapons)		

Assessment	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>All assessments throughout the year will be based on past exam questions and will take place approximately once every two weeks.</p> </div>
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