

# Advance information June 2022

## GCSE Religious Studies: Short Course 8061

### Version 1.0

Because of the ongoing impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we are providing advance information on the focus of June 2022 exams to help students revise.

This is the advance information for GCSE Religious Studies: Short Course 8061.

### Information

- This advance information covers Sections 1 to 4 (The study of religions sections).
- There is no advance information for Section 5 (Thematic Studies section).
- The information below identifies the main subject topic areas used as the primary focus of questions in the 2022 assessments.
- The information for each Religion is presented in specification order and not in question order.
- It is **not** permitted to take this notice into the examination.

### Advice

- Students may need to draw on other specification content within their responses to be able to access the full range of marks.

### Focus of the June 2022 exam

#### Section A: The study of religions

##### 8061/1 Buddhism

- The Three Marks of Existence:
  - anicca (impermanence).
- The Buddha's life and its significance:
  - the Buddha's Enlightenment.
- The Four Noble Truths:
  - the causes of suffering (samudaya).
- Ethical teachings:
  - The five moral precepts:
    - do not take life
    - do not take what is given

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- do not misuse the senses
  - do not speak falsehoods
  - do not take intoxicants that cloud the mind.
  - The six perfections in the Mahayanan tradition:
    - generosity
    - morality
    - patience
    - energy
    - meditation
    - wisdom, including how the individuals develop these perfections within themselves.

## 8061/2 Christianity

- The nature of God:
  - the oneness of God and the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Different Christian beliefs about the afterlife and their importance, including: resurrection and life after death; judgement, heaven and hell.
- Beliefs and teachings about:
  - the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension
  - sin, including original sin
  - the means of salvation, including law, grace and Spirit
  - the role of Christ in salvation including the idea of atonement.

## 8061/3 Islam

- The six articles of faith in Sunni Islam and five roots of Usul ad-Din in Shi'a Islam, including key similarities and differences.
- Tawhid (the Oneness of God), Qur'an Surah 112.
- The nature of God:
  - omnipotence, beneficence, mercy, fairness and justice/Adalat in Shi'a Islam, including different ideas about God's relationship with the world: immanence and transcendence.
- Akhirah (life after death), human responsibility and accountability, resurrection, heaven and hell.
- The holy books:
  - Qur'an: revelation and authority
  - the Torah, the Psalms, the Gospel, the Scrolls of Abraham and their authority.

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## 8061/4 Judaism

- The nature of God:
  - God as one
  - God as Creator
  - God as Law-Giver and Judge, loving and merciful.
- Beliefs about life after death, including judgement and resurrection.
- The importance of the sanctity of human life, including the concept of 'saving a life' (Pikuach Nefesh).
- Mitzvot between man and God and mitzvot between man and man, including the difference between them and their importance.

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