

# Religious studies

Exam Board: OCR  
Qualification: A level

In September, you will be starting the Religious studies course.

This is a simple preparatory task. There are no extended writing pieces here. Every question can be answered with either one word or within one to two lines. The purpose is to introduce you to some basic concepts and allow you to have the foundational knowledge. No evaluation or analysis is required. In order to evaluate you first need to have knowledge. This is an edited version of a revision guide provided to year 13s.

Do your best. It is all I ask at this stage.

All information may be found on the following website. It is very good.

OCR RS A level revision - [OCR Religious Studies A Level Revision Notes - Philosophy A Level](#)

- i. If you click on the above link it will take you to the site.
- ii. Click on this [Religion and ethics](#)
- iii. It will take you to this section (Religion and Ethics) where you will find the necessary information. Click here for the first 9 questions [Religion and Ethics - OCR Religious Studies A Level \(philosophylevel.com\)](#)

## Questions

### Religion approach to ethics

Religion and ethics

1. According to Aquinas what is meant by Telos?
2. What is the connection between rationality and telos?
3. What is the telos for all humans?

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4. If a man-made law went against a natural law should we follow it?
5. Can you list one of the **primary** precepts? There are 5.
6. Can you name one secondary precept that is a specific rules?
7. What is the principle of double effect?
8. Problem with natural law – what if there is no God?
9. Why might natural law be outdated with regards to homosexuality and contraception?

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1. What is the hypothetical and categorical imperative?
2. Define the following: Universal law formulation; humanity formula; Kingdom of ends formulation.
3. What is the summum bonum?
4. Identify some problems with deontology.eg consequences, motivations.

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5. Identify two characteristics of Bentham's hedonic calculator
6. What is the basic difference between act and rule utilitarianism?
7. Explain the following: '**Tyranny of the majority**'
8. What is meant by lower and higher pleasures eg other values besides pleasure re: Robert Nozick and preference utilitarianism?
9. How does utilitarianism ignore the moral status of certain relationships? Think family vs strangers.
10. Does utilitarianism ignore intentions (eg can you achieve 'good' even if your intentions were the achieve something evil)?

See you in September.