



**Religious, Moral and
Philosophical Studies (Higher):
question paper**

**Commentary on candidate
evidence**

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The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each question of this course assessment component.

Candidate 1

World Religion – Christianity

The candidate was awarded **8/10 marks**.

6 knowledge and understanding and 2 analysis marks were given for this essay.

This essay lacks the additional analysis marks to ensure full marks in their answer. Good knowledge and understanding and two good analysis points made, but if they had stuck to the structure of 2 paragraphs (KKK, AA) and (KKK, AA) – this candidate may have achieved full marks.

Candidate 2

World Religion – Christianity

The candidate was awarded **9/10 marks**.

5 knowledge and understanding and 4 analysis marks were given for this essay.

This is an excellent example of a 10-mark essay. Candidate simply unable to achieve full marks in the KU but their analysis is excellent.

Candidate 3

World Religion – Buddhism

The candidate was awarded **7/10 marks**.

3 knowledge and understanding and 4 analysis marks were given for this essay.

An example of an essay which has shown good analytical skills but failed to generate the required KU marks. A more structured approach needed for this candidate.

Candidate 4

World Religion – Buddhism

The candidate was awarded **15/20 marks**.

9 knowledge and understanding, 2 analysis and 4 evaluation marks were given for this essay.

An example of an essay that makes a good attempt to answer the question. Analysis is lacking throughout but the candidate does well to pick up 4 evaluation marks. Again, back to structure for the 20 mark essays Paragraph 1 (KKKK, AA, EE) Paragraph 2 (KKK, AA, EE) & Paragraph 3 (KKK, A, E).

Candidate 5

World Religion – Judaism

The candidate was awarded **10/10 marks**.

6 knowledge and understanding and 4 analysis marks were given for this essay.

Full mark essay, too much knowledge and understanding points for a 10 mark answer but the candidate clearly knows how to answer the question and has done very well.

Candidate 6

World Religion – Christianity

The candidate was awarded **15/20 marks**.

10 knowledge and understanding, 2 analysis and 3 evaluation marks were given for this essay.

A very good attempt with this answer, 15/20 was above the average score for this question so the candidate has done very well. More focus on analysis, eg a consequence of this belief is, the purpose of this is... as well as making full use of the question stem to support evaluation.

Candidate 7

Morality and Justice

The candidate was awarded **17/20 marks**.

10 knowledge and understanding, 5 analysis and 2 evaluation marks were given for this essay.

An excellent essay, solid knowledge and understanding and analysis (a reminder that analysis marks can be awarded for any form of analysis throughout) but the weakness here is the evaluation. The candidate made a great attempt to evaluate just not quite hitting the mark for more than 2 evaluation points.

Candidate 8

Morality, medicine and the human body

The candidate was awarded **8/10 marks**.

6 knowledge and understanding and 2 analysis marks were given for this essay.

Solid knowledge and understanding demonstrated throughout the essay but not quite hitting full marks for analysis. Good signposting showing the marker the moral issue but needing more support to analyse the non-religious response.

Candidate 9

Morality, medicine and the human body

The candidate was awarded **15/20 marks**.

10 knowledge and understanding, 3 analysis and 2 evaluation marks were given for this essay.

As always with the knowledge and understanding, candidates were able to score high marks with the amount of knowledge and demonstrated throughout the essays but lacked in the deployment of skills. Candidate does well to score 5/10 for their skills in this essay and again, a solid mark of 15/20 which was above average.

Candidate 10

World Religion – Judaism

The candidate was awarded **18/20 marks**.

10 knowledge and understanding, 3 analysis and 5 evaluation marks were given for this essay.

An outstanding essay with an abundance of knowledge and understanding and evaluation – lacking slightly with analysis throughout to score the full 5 marks but this was a very good effort, and the candidate clearly knows how to answer this style of question.