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GCE and GCSE Religious Studies Summer 2020

GCE Religious Studies

The following examination papers are being marked online from Summer 2020 onwards:

- AS 1: An Introduction to the Gospel of Luke;
- AS 2: An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles;
- AS 4: The Origins and Development of the Early Christian Church to AD 325;
- AS 5: The Celtic Church in Ireland in the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh centuries;
- AS 7: Foundations of Ethics with Special Reference to Issues in Medical Ethics; and
- AS 8: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion

The layout of the examination papers have been changed to allow for online marking.

The 2019 Summer AS1: An Introduction to the Gospel of Luke illustrates this change. This paper can be found on the Religious Studies microsite [AS 1 An Introduction to the Gospel of Luke](#).

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The layout of all the papers is changing from Summer 2020 onwards. Section B in every paper will have Questions 5, 6 and 7 listed on one page. The following pages will have each part question listed with spaces for the response.

GRE91 from Summer 2019 illustrates the revised format for the papers that are hard copy marked (GRE11: The Christian Church through a Study of the Catholic Church and the Protestant Church, GRE22: The Christian Church with a focus on the Protestant Church, GRE31: The Revelation of God and the Christian Church, GRE81: Islam and GRE91: Judaism).

The sample GRE91 paper can be found on the Religious Studies microsite http://www.rewardinglearning.org.uk/microsites/religious_studies/revised_gcse/index.asp.

GRE61 from Summer 2019 illustrates the revised format for the papers that are marked online (GRE21: The Christian Church with a Focus on the Catholic Church, GRE41: Christianity through a Study of the Gospel of Mathew, GRE51: Christianity through a Study of the Gospel of Mark, GRE61: An Introduction to Christian Ethics and GRE71: An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion).

The sample GRE61 paper can be found on the Religious Studies microsite http://www.rewardinglearning.org.uk/microsites/religious_studies/revised_gcse/index.asp.

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