



**GCE A LEVEL**  
**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**A120PF**

**Summer 2022 examinations**

Component 1	Option F: A Study of Sikhism	Thursday, 09 June 2022
Component 2	Philosophy of Religion	Tuesday, 14 June 2022
Component 3	Religion and Ethics	Tuesday, 21 June 2022

# **Advance Information**

## **General information for students and teachers**

This advance information provides the focus of the content of the summer 2022 examination papers.

It does not apply to any other examination series.

It is intended to support revision.

It may be used at any time from the date of release.

It must not be taken into the examination.

# Subject information for students and teachers

A guidance document on advance information has been produced by The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) on behalf of all awarding organisations. It can be found [here](#).

This advance information covers Component 1, Component 2 and Component 3.

The following areas of content are suggested as key areas of focus for revision and final preparation, in relation to the Summer 2022 examinations.

The aim should still be to cover all specification content in teaching and learning.

The information below identifies the main subject topic areas used as the primary focus of the summer 2022 assessments. Students' responses to individual questions should draw upon other areas of specification content where relevant, and credit will be given for this.

<b>Component 1 Option F: A Study of Sikhism</b>	
<b>Section A:</b>	questions in this section will be taken from Theme 2: Religious concepts and religious life, which consists of the following six sub-themes:
Theme 2A:	Exploring Sikh teachings concerning self, death, afterlife and meaning and purpose of life, with reference to: Philosophical understanding of the Sikh concept of God
Theme 2B:	The soul
Theme 2C:	Karma, rebirth and mukti
Theme 2D:	The role and significance of the following teachings/key moral principles for the Sikh community: The concept of sewa
Theme 2E:	Kirat Karo and Vand Chhako
Theme 2F:	The concepts of Sant Sipahi (saint-soldier)/Dharam Yudh (just war)
<b>Section B:</b>	questions from this section will be taken from any three of the following six sub-themes:
Theme 1A:	The life and teachings of Guru Nanak
Theme 1B:	Guru Gobind Singh's contribution to the development of Sikhism
Theme 3A:	The aspiration for Khalistan
Theme 3E:	Origins and development of the Sikh community in Britain
Theme 4B:	Diwali
Theme 4C:	Vaisakhi

<b>Component 2: Philosophy of Religion</b>	
<b>Section A:</b>	questions in this section will be taken from Theme 4: Religious language
Theme 4A:	Inherent problems of religious language
Theme 4B:	Religious language as cognitive (traditional religious view), but meaningless (Logical Positivists' view)
Theme 4C:	Religious language as non-cognitive and analogical
Theme 4D:	Religious language as non-cognitive and symbolic
Theme 4E:	Religious language as non-cognitive and mythical
Theme 4F:	Religious language as a language game
<b>Section B:</b>	questions from this section will be taken from any three of the following six sub-themes:
Theme 1D:	Deductive arguments – origins of the ontological argument
Theme 1E:	Deductive arguments – developments of the ontological argument
Theme 2D:	Religious belief as a product of the human mind – Sigmund Freud
Theme 2E:	Religious belief as a product of the human mind – Carl Jung
Theme 3E:	Miracles the definitions of
Theme 3F:	A comparative study of two key scholars from within and outside the Christian tradition and their contrasting views on the possibility of miracles

<b>Component 3: Religion and Ethics</b>	
<b>Section A:</b>	questions in this section will be taken from Theme 1: Ethical Thought
Theme 1A:	Divine Command Theory
Theme 1B:	Virtue Theory
Theme 1C:	Ethical Egoism
Theme 1D:	Meta-ethical approaches – Naturalism
Theme 1E:	Meta-ethical approaches – Intuitionism
Theme 1F:	Meta-ethical approaches – Emotivism
<b>Section B:</b>	questions from this section will be taken from any three of the following six sub-themes:
Theme 2A:	St Thomas Aquinas' Natural Law – laws and precepts as the basis of morality
Theme 2C:	Aquinas' Natural Law – application of the theory
Theme 3E:	John Stuart Mill's development of Utilitarianism – types of pleasure, the harm principle and the use of rules
Theme 3F:	Bentham's Act Utilitarianism and Mill's Rule Utilitarianism – application of the theory
Theme 4B:	Concepts of determinism
Theme 4C:	The implications of predestination / determinism

End of advance information