

Religious Studies Grade Descriptors

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A	Learners show a detailed knowledge and thorough understanding of religion to describe, explain and analyse the impact of beliefs, teachings, sources, practices, ways of life and forms of expressing meaning. They interpret, draw out and explain the meaning and importance of the beliefs and practices of the religion(s) and/or beliefs studied, and assess the impact of these on the lives of believers. They explain, where appropriate, how differences in belief lead to differences of religious response. They understand and use accurately and appropriately a range of specialist language.
B	Detailed descriptor to be added soon
C	Learners demonstrate sound knowledge and understanding of religions to describe and explain the significance and impact of belief, teachings, sources, practices, ways of life and forms of expressing meaning. They show awareness of the meaning and importance of the beliefs and practices of the religion(s) and/or beliefs studied, and can describe the impact of these on the lives of believers. They recognise how differences in belief lead to differences of religious response. They communicate their ideas using specialist language appropriately.
D	Detailed descriptor to be added soon
E	Detailed descriptor to be added soon
F	Learners show a basic knowledge and understanding of religion to describe, with some reasons, the significance and impact of beliefs, teachings, sources, practices, ways of life and forms of expressing meaning. They show some awareness of the meaning and importance of the religion(s) and/or beliefs studied, sometimes recognising and making simple connection between religion and people's lives and assess the impact of these on the lives of believers. They communicate their ideas using everyday language. They present reasons in support of an opinion about the issues studies, and show some understanding of the complexity of the issues by describing different points of view.