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Grade descriptors for GCSEs graded 9 to 1: religious studies

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Grade 8

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To achieve Grade 8 candidates will be able to:

1.1

- demonstrate relevant and comprehensive knowledge and understanding of a wide range of beliefs and practices with well-integrated reference to sources of wisdom and authority
- demonstrate detailed understanding of common and divergent views and practices within and between religions or beliefs
- construct a sustained and convincing argument on matters of religion or belief based on critical analysis and evaluation of different perspectives, and using accurate specialist terminology

2.

Grade 5

2.1 To achieve Grade 5 candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate mostly accurate and appropriate knowledge and understanding of a range of beliefs and practices with reference to sources of wisdom and authority
- demonstrate some understanding of common and divergent views and practices within and between religions or beliefs
- construct a reasoned point of view on matters of religion or belief based on some analysis and evaluation of different perspectives, and using mostly accurate specialist terminology

3.

Grade 2

3.1 To achieve Grade 2 candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate some relevant knowledge and understanding of some beliefs and practices with limited reference to sources of wisdom and authority
- demonstrate some understanding of different views and practices between religions or beliefs
- express an opinion on matters of religion or belief using everyday language, recognising others might have different views

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