

RMPS

RELIGIOUS, MORAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES



Content

The course has three areas of study:

- World religion
- Morality and belief
- Religious and philosophical questions



Skills

Learners will be able to:

- critically analyse, reflect on and express reasoned views about religious, moral and philosophical questions and their impact
- investigate religious, moral and philosophical questions and responses
- express detailed, reasoned and well-structured views
- gain in-depth factual and abstract knowledge and understanding of beliefs, practices and sources related to world religions
- gain in-depth factual and theoretical knowledge and understanding of religious, moral and philosophical questions and responses to them



Opportunities for Learners

Learners will be able to:

- investigate and express detailed, reasoned and well-structured views about religious, moral and philosophical topics or issues
- interpret and explain sources related to world religions
- enquire into and evaluate contemporary moral questions and responses
- critically analyse religious and philosophical questions and responses



Assessment

- The course will be assessed through two question papers (exams) and an assignment, which will be marked by SQA and graded A to D.
- Question paper 1 makes up 55% of the total assessment mark, paper 2 makes up 18% and the assignment 27%.
- For the assignment, learners choose a question based on an issue of religious, moral or philosophical significance on which there are a range of viewpoints. They research the issue and gather sources relevant to their question, then produce an extended piece of writing in response to their question.



Question Paper 1	World religion and morality and belief Section 1: World religion Two questions (30 marks) Section 2: Morality and belief Two questions (30 marks)	2 hours 15 minutes 60 marks
Question Paper 2	Religious and philosophical questions One question.	45 minutes / 20 marks
Specimen Paper	www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm	
Assignment	Two stages: research and write-up. It is recommended that the research stage takes approximately 8 hours. The write-up must be completed in one sitting of 1 hour 30 minutes.	8 hours + 1 hour 30 minutes 30 marks



Progression Higher courses can stand alone or follow on from National 5 qualifications and may lead to Advanced Highers, the Scottish Baccalaureate and a range of qualifications within Further and Higher Education.



For course information, specimen question papers and past paper guidance visit:

Higher RMPS: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47911.html

Curriculum for Excellence Key Terms and Features Factfile

Education Scotland: <https://education.gov.scot/nationalqualifications>

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