

RELIGION STUDIES

Dear Grade 12 Religion Studies learner

Religion Studies is the study of religion as a universal human phenomenon and of religions found in a variety of cultures. Religion Studies leads to the recognition, understanding and appreciation of a variety of religions within a common humanity, in the context of a civic understanding of religion and with a view to developing religious literacy.

Subject Requirements

- ➔ Textbook, workbooks

Content Checklist

Below is a summary of the content that you will study in Religion Studies. Make sure that you include all the topics below in your revision programme.

1. Variety of Religions

- ➔ Concepts: identity, uniqueness, unity, similarity, difference and comparability as far as religion is concerned
- ➔ Internal differences in a number of religions
- ➔ Unique features of various religions
- ➔ Inter-religious relationships in South Africa, Africa and international communities

2. Common features of religion as a generic and unique phenomenon

- ➔ The roles of teaching in a variety of religions
- ➔ The central teachings of **one** religion
- ➔ Oral, written and contemporary sources in several religions
- ➔ Normative sources or traditions in **one** religion
- ➔ Secular world views

3. Topical issues in society

- ➔ Religious freedom, human rights and responsibilities in different religions
- ➔ Strategies to seek solutions to major social problems
- ➔ The role of the media with reference to Religion

4. Research into and across religions

- ➔ Religions in areas of recent conflict in South Africa, Africa and across the world: identify and analyse two or three areas of recent conflict. Determine whether religion is part of the problem or of the solution (The role of religion in Africa and globally)
- ➔ Religion and the natural sciences: examine the relationship between religion and the natural sciences with reference to views of creation and evolution
- ➔ Specialisation in one religion



Assessment

Assessment of Religion Studies consists of two parts:

School-based assessment makes up 25% of the total. This includes:

- ➔ 1 test **150 marks**
- ➔ 2 examinations **300 marks each**
- ➔ 2 written tasks
 - Source-based **100 marks**
 - Project **100 marks**

The final external examination makes up 75% of the total

- ➔ This examination comprises of 2 X 2 hours examination papers i.e. **2 X 150 = 300 marks**

Topics to be cover in each question paper	
Grade 12 Paper 1 (150 marks)	Grade 12 Paper 2 (150 marks)
Common features of religion as a generic and unique phenomenon – Central Teaching	Topical issues in society (Social Problems) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moral degeneration • Xenophobia and racism • Gender Based violence.
Religious freedom, human rights and responsibilities	Research into and across religions (Views of different religions)
Religion and the media	Creation and evolution
Interreligious relationships	Secular worldviews
Concepts and definitions	Conflict
Conceptual distinctions	Internal differences
Variety of religions – Humanitarian crises	
The topics below will appear in both Paper 1 & 2	
Core teachings in a religion	
Normative sources	
Religious teachings	
Unique features in a religion	
Hermeneutical principles	
Inspiration	
Oral traditions	

Tips for Success

- ➔ Religion Studies comprises of a lot of self-study. Read as many sources as possible and keep abreast of current news in the subject.
- ➔ For the examinations you should focus on interrogating a range of sources to be able to compare different religions, and analyse and interpret generic issues pertaining to religions.
- ➔ Make sure that you can apply your knowledge of Religion Studies to case studies or exemplars used in the question papers.



Gr 12 LO Revision Booklet

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