

**Bishops Conference of England &  
Wales  
Board of Religious Studies  
Assessment Criteria**

The work displays:

**PASS**

Knowledge and Understanding:

- There is some degree of knowledge and understanding of the relevant materials;
- Use of an acceptable range of resources is made.

Argument and Analysis:

- An argument is attempted; the work is largely descriptive, rather than analytical
- Some evidence of independent reflection

Presentation:

- The work is presented clearly and legibly, with an acceptable standard of written English within the specified word count;
- Appropriate use of referencing and bibliography is made.

**DISTINCTION**

The work displays all or a significant number of the following:

- Evidence of good knowledge and understanding of the question and materials, relevant concepts and methodology;
- Reading beyond the recommended minimum;
- Independent reflection;
- Good level of critical analysis;
- Clear and coherent arguments supported by appropriate examples
- Good, clear written style;
- Full and accurate referencing and bibliography.

**FAIL**

Either a significant amount of the work is not the participant's own, or the work displays all or some of the following limitations:

- Inadequate understanding of the subject area; misunderstanding of the key concept(s);
- Poor use of resources;
- Insufficient engagement with the questions;
- Inadequate use of referencing and bibliography;
- The work is illegible and/or shows an unacceptable standard of written English and/or exceeds the specified word count.