## **A Level:** Pre-Course Preparation

**Exam Board:** Eduqas







## **Eduqas Religious Studies**

(https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies-as-a-level/#tab\_keydocuments)

Paper 1 - Component D - Buddhism

Paper 2 - Philosophy of Religion

Paper 3 - Religion and Ethics

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2	Strand 1		Strand 2	
3	Theme B1 a-c	Religious Figures: Life of the Buddha	Theme E1 a	Divine Command Theory
4	Theme B2 d-f	Religious Concepts and Religious Life	Theme P1a-c	Inductive Arguments
5	Theme E1b	Virtue Theory	Theme P2 a-c	Challenges: Evil and Suffering
6	Theme E3 a-c	Teleological Ethics - Situation Ethics	Theme E2 a-c	Natural Law
7	Theme B2 a-c	Religious Concepts and Religious Life	Theme P3 a-c	Religious Experience
8	Theme B4 a-c	Religious Practice and Identity	Theme P2 d-f	Freud, Jung and Atheism
9	Theme E3 d-f	Teleological Ethics - Utilitarianism	Theme E1 c	Ethical Egoism
10	Theme B1 d-f	Religious Figures and Sacred Texts	Theme P3 e-f	Miracles
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12	Theme E2 d-f	Deontological Ethics - Natural Law - Finnis and Hoose	Theme P4 a-c	Religious Lanaguage 1 - Cognitive
13	Theme B3 a-c	Social and Historical Development in Buddhism	Theme P1 d-f	Deductive Arguments
14	Theme E4 a-c	Determinism and Freewill (Determinism)	Theme P4 d-f	Religious Language 2 - Non-Cognitive
15	Theme E4 d-f	Determinism and Freewill (Freewill)	Theme E1 d-f	Meta-Ethics
16	Theme B3 d-f	Social Development in Buddhism	Pink - Buddhism Yellow - Philosophy Green -Ethics	
17	Theme B4 d-f	Religious Practice that Shape Identity		
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## A Level: A Study of Religion Pre-Course Preparation

## Course pre-reading - Time 2 hours

Please read the following articles to support your studies in year 12. We will be discussing these in the first few weeks of year 12.

#### **Buddhism-**

http://www.st-marys-centre.org.uk/resources/challengingreligiousissues/Issue%2010%20ChallengingReligiousIssues.pdf (pg. 16-21)

Please answer the discussion questions on pg 19-20.

### Philosophy -

http://www.st-marys-centre.org.uk/resources/challengingreligiousissues/Issue%202\_ChallengingReligiousIssues.pdf (pg. 3-8)

Please answer the discussion questions on pg 7.

#### Ethics -

http://www.st-marys-centre.org.uk/resources/challengingreligiousissues/Issue%2012%20Challenging%20Religious%20Issues%20English.pdf (pg. 25-32)

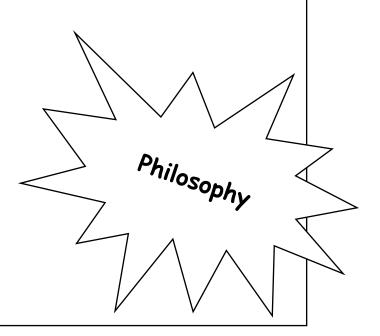
Please answer the discussion questions on pg. 30

# A Level: Philosophy Pre-Course Preparation

#### TIME: 2 Hours

Research the answers to these questions. Try to keep a log of the resources (websites/books) that you use.

- a. What is philosophy?
- b. What is epistemology and metaphysics?
- c. What is rationalism, empiricism, scepticism and idealism?
- d. What did the Ancient Greek Philosophers have to say about 'change'?
- e. What does Plato's Analogy of the Cave tell us about knowledge?
- f. What do Christians believe about the nature of God?
- g. In your opinion, can we know anything for certain?



# A Level: General Pre-Course Preparation

## Purchase the following:

3 x A4 folders (Large - you'll need it!)
Plastic document wallets

Plastic dividers

Labels

A4 lined paper

Highlighter pens



Organise your folders (one each for Ethics, Study of Religion and Philosophy) by creating a clearly labelled section for each module. Put the module descriptions, available in your resource pack at the front of each relevant section.

Put your pre-course preparation work and reading in the front of the relevant folder ready for inspection.

