

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

A level Religious Studies is an intellectually stimulating and well-respected qualification. This A level will stretch and challenge you and help you to develop your higher order thinking skills. I hope you enjoy the following tasks.

1. Explain what **conversion** and **mystical** religious experiences are.
2. Research William James' theory about religious experiences, paying particular attention to his idea of the four characteristics of mystical experience.

Now attempt the following question:

Examine William James' four characteristics of mystical experience. [30]

1. Research Jeremy Bentham's theory of utilitarianism.
2. Give five ways in which it differs from John Stuart Mill's version.

Now attempt this question:

Explain how Bentham attempted to achieve the 'greatest happiness for the greatest number [30]

You can look at past A Level papers if you click on to the following link:

<http://pastpapers.download.wjec.co.uk/s19-2126-01.pdf>

Below is the link for the subject overview:

https://www.wjec.co.uk/en/qualifications/religious-studies-as-a-level/#tab_overview

Useful Websites:

- www.ethicsonline.co.uk
- www.philosophyexperiments.com (fantastic games)
- www.allevelphilosophy.co.uk/resources
- www.bpa.ac.uk/answers/resources/index.php (fab resources)
- www.philosophyofreligion.info/
- www.aristotle-philosophy.com/
- www.iep.utm.edu/ (internet encyclopaedia of philosophy)
- www.plato-philosophy.org/
- www.religion-online.org/
- www.utilitarianism.org/
- www.bbc.co.uk/religion/ethics/
- www.ethics.org/
- www.globaethics.org/