

1. Insight <i>Beliefs, teachings and ideas about human life, the world and ultimate reality</i>		
Topic	Content	Key Knowledge
Augustine's Teaching on Human Nature*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human relationships pre- and post-Fall • Original Sin and its effects on the will and human societies • God's grace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Augustine's interpretation of Genesis 3 (the Fall) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the state of perfection before the Fall and Adam and Eve's relationship as friends ○ lust and selfish desires after the Fall • Augustine's teaching that Original Sin is passed on through sexual intercourse and is the cause of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ human selfishness and lack of free will ○ lack of stability and corruption in all human societies • Augustine's teaching that only God's grace, his generous love, can overcome sin and the rebellious will to achieve the greatest good (<i>summum bonum</i>)
<p>Learners should have the opportunity to discuss issues related to Augustine's ideas on human nature, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether or not Augustine's teaching on a historical Fall and Original Sin is wrong • whether or not Augustine is right that sin means that humans can never be morally good • whether or not Augustine's view of human nature is pessimistic or optimistic • whether or not there is a distinctive human nature 		
<p>Contextual references</p> <p><i>For reference, the ideas of Augustine listed above can be found in:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>City of God</i>, Book 14, Chapters 16–26 • <i>Confessions</i>, Book 8 <p>Suggested scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority</p> <p><i>Learners will be given credit for referring to any appropriate scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority, however the following examples may prove useful</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapman, G. (1994) <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> paras. 385–409 • McGrath, A. E. (2010 5th Edition) <i>Christian Theology</i>, Wiley-Blackwell, pages 348–355, 371–372 • Romans 7:15–20 		