

AO1 (Knowledge and Understanding) Marking Criteria
A level OCR Religious Studies

Level	Marks	Overall response to question	Focus on question	Selection/use of material	Knowledge & understanding	Technical vocabulary	Sources
6	14–16	Excellent demonstration of knowledge and understanding	Fully comprehends the demands of, and focuses on, the question throughout	Excellent selection of relevant material, skilfully used	Accurate and highly detailed knowledge demonstrating deep understanding through a complex and nuanced approach	Thorough, accurate and precise use in context	Extensive range used to demonstrate knowledge and understanding
5	11–13	Very good demonstration of knowledge and understanding	Focuses on the precise question throughout	Very good selection of relevant material, used appropriately	Accurate and detailed knowledge demonstrating very good understanding through breadth or depth	Accurate and appropriate use	Very good range used to demonstrate knowledge and understanding
4	8–10	Good demonstration of knowledge and understanding	Addresses the question well	Good selection of relevant material, used appropriately on the whole	Mostly accurate knowledge demonstrating good understanding, with reasonable depth or breadth	Mostly accurate and appropriate use	Good range used to demonstrate knowledge and understanding
3	5–7	Satisfactory demonstration of knowledge and understanding	Generally addresses the question	Mostly sound selection of mostly relevant material	Some accurate knowledge demonstrating sound understanding, though possibly lacking depth or breadth	Generally appropriate use	Satisfactory range used with only partial success
2	3–4	Basic demonstration of knowledge and understanding	Might address the general topic rather than the question directly	Limited selection of partially relevant material	Some accurate but limited knowledge demonstrating partial understanding	Some accurate but limited use	Limited range used with little success
1	1–2	Weak demonstration of knowledge and understanding	Almost completely ignores the question	Very little relevant material selected	Very limited knowledge demonstrating little understanding	Very little use	Very little or no use
0	0	No creditworthy response	—	—	—	—	—