

**AO2 (Analysis and Evaluation) Marking Criteria**
**A level OCR Religious Studies**

Level	Marks	Overall description	Argument	Analysis & evaluation	Views	Question focus	Technical vocabulary	Scholarship / sources	Line of reasoning
<b>6</b>	<b>21–24</b>	Excellent analysis and evaluation	Excellent, clear and successful	Confident, insightful and detailed	Skilfully stated, developed and justified	Precise throughout	Thorough, accurate and precise in context	Extensive range used to support analysis and evaluation	Excellent, well-developed, sustained, coherent, relevant and logical
<b>5</b>	<b>17–20</b>	Very good analysis and evaluation	Clear and mostly successful	Successful and clear	Very well stated, developed and justified	Competent	Accurate and appropriate	Very good range used to support analysis and evaluation	Well-developed, sustained, coherent, relevant and logical
<b>4</b>	<b>13–16</b>	Good analysis and evaluation	Generally successful and clear	Generally successful	Well stated, with some development and justification	Answers well	Mostly accurate and appropriate	Good range used to support analysis and evaluation	Well-developed, clear, relevant and logical
<b>3</b>	<b>9–12</b>	Satisfactory analysis and evaluation	Some successful argument	Partially successful	Asserted but often not fully justified	Mostly answers	Generally appropriate	Satisfactory range used with partial success	Mostly relevant, with some structure
<b>2</b>	<b>5–8</b>	Basic analysis and evaluation	Attempted, not always successful	Little successful analysis and evaluation	Asserted with little justification	Partially answers	Limited but sometimes accurate	Limited range used with little success	Some relevance, limited structure
<b>1</b>	<b>1–4</b>	Weak analysis and evaluation	Very little attempted	Very little successful analysis and evaluation	Asserted with very little justification	Unsuccessful	Very little use	Very little or no use	Basic or unstructured
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	No creditworthy response	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

 adapted from: <https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/726810-mark-scheme-philosophy-of-religion.pdf>, pages 10 & 11