

Command words and phrases

A level OCR Religious Studies

Word or phrase	Definition
'Discuss' 'Critically discuss'	Explore different views, weigh up strengths and weaknesses, then reach a judgement.
'Analyse' 'Critically analyse'	Break down the issue, examine strengths and weaknesses, and reach a judgement.
'Assess' 'Critically assess'	Judge how convincing or successful a view is, using evidence and evaluation.
'Evaluate' 'Critically evaluate'	Decide how far a view is right or wrong, considering arguments on both sides.
'Compare' 'Critically compare'	Examine similarities and differences, then judge which view is stronger or more convincing.
'To what extent'	Decide how far you agree, allowing for partial agreement or mixed conclusions.