

HIGHERS IN A NUTSHELL

The National Parent Forum of Scotland Summary of Higher Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies (RMPS)

RMPS
RELIGIOUS & MORAL
EDUCATION

CfE
HIGHER

3
UNITS

**WORLD RELIGION
MORALITY AND BELIEF
RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS**

+
COURSE
ASSESSMENT

ASSIGNMENT + QUESTION PAPER



Skills

Learners will be able to:

- critically analyse, reflect on and express reasoned views about religious, moral and philosophical questions and their impact
- investigate religious, moral and philosophical questions and responses
- express detailed, reasoned and well-structured views
- gain in-depth factual and abstract knowledge and understanding of beliefs, practices and sources related to world religions
- gain in-depth factual and theoretical knowledge and understanding of religious, moral and philosophical questions and responses to them



Opportunities for Learners

Learners will be able to:

- investigate and express detailed, reasoned and well-structured views about religious, moral and philosophical topics or issues
- interpret and explain sources related to world religions
- enquire into and evaluate contemporary moral questions and responses
- critically analyse religious and philosophical questions and responses



Assessment

- To gain Higher Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies (RMPS), learners must pass the three Units and the Course Assessment (Assignment and Question Paper for 90 marks)
- Units are assessed as pass or fail by the school/centre and are quality assured by the SQA. Achievement of Units is recorded on the learner's qualifications certificate
- The SQA has provided examples of Unit assessments that teachers/lecturers can use as they are, or adapt to suit the needs of their learners
- The Course Assessment consists of an Assignment (30 marks) and a Question Paper (exam for 60 marks) which is in three sections (see below). These are marked externally by the SQA
- Higher RMPS is graded from A to D or as No Award.



Question Paper Section 1: World Religion (20 marks)
Section 2: Morality and Belief (20 marks)
Section 3: Religious and Philosophical Questions (20 marks)

2 hours 15 minutes
60 marks

Specimen Paper www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/ReligiousMoralandPhilosophicalStudiesSQPH.pdf

Assignment Learners will research an relevant RMPS question or issue with opposing views and write up findings in timed conditions.

1 hour 30 minutes
30 marks



Progression Higher courses can stand alone or follow on from National 5 qualifications and may lead to Advanced Highers, the Scottish Baccalaureate and a range of qualifications within Further and Higher Education.



For course information, specimen question papers and past paper guidance visit:

Higher RMPS: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47911.html

Curriculum for Excellence Key Terms and Features Factfile

www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/CfEFactfileOverview_tcm4-665983.pdf

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progression, revision resources and summaries of National Qualifications

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