

Example KS4 Student Work – RE and Philosophy

The following gives some examples of the level of work covered in Religious Studies and Philosophy at KS4 including details of how we expect students to set out their work and engage with feedback received. Students who follow these steps and respond to the individual feedback they have been given, will make the best progress.

Classwork and homework

All work, both classwork and homework, has a title and date which has been underlined.

All work is presented neatly, and all sheets are stuck in. This student clearly takes pride in their work.

All engagement with feedback, whether that is individual or whole class, has been engaged with in green pen. This level of detail in green pen engagement with feedback will ensure students make secure progress against GCSE assessment objectives as all forms of feedback are specifically targeted to these.

H/W Christmas 04/10/24

1) Zacharias was told that he and his wife were going to have a kid, even though they were very old and unable to have kids. This is a parable of Abraham and Sarah who were given a child - Isaac. This implies that God is going to do something very significant for his people, again. The angel tells Zacharias that he will have a child called John who will fulfill the prophecies that someone will come to the world to prepare Israel to meet God who will rule Jerusalem. An angel tells Mary that she will have a son called Jesus who will be a King like David. Even though she is a virgin, she is told that the Holy Spirit would generate life in her womb. Jesus will be born to bring down rulers from their thrones and exalt the poor and the humble. Shepherds in Bethlehem are told that a saviour has been born. The shepherds find Jesus and are shocked. God's incarnation into the world is in the poor to show how Jesus is here to bring down to salvation by turning the world order upside down. Earth to help the poor - e.g. the shepherds.

2) This story is important because it shows Christians that Jesus really is the Son of God and he got ~~potentially~~ ^{sent} down to earth to save the people who are struggling whilst fulfilling all the prophecies. It also shows that Jesus is the King of the people and is a saviour/messiah to turn the world order upside down by bringing down those in power and exalting those who are poor and humble.

Abortion

Pro-Life or Pro-Choice

H/W Abortion - Going further 10/06/24

1) Judith Jarvis Thompson is Pro-Choice because she goes through the analogy of a baby being a famous unconscious violinist and then says that it is outrageous. She repeatedly asks "whether it is incumbent to accede morally / incumbent to accede to show the idea that it is a difficult choice and therefore the woman should have the right to choose. Furthermore, she adds on that what if the time was larger e.g. the rest of your own life. Surely then you would unplug yourself. This is just like having a child since they will be with you for the rest of your life. Links to rape as it is non-consensual which means that you never indicate your consent." (could be emotional or physical)

2) I agree with this statement because others is never the answer. For example, ahimsa (non-violence) shows that violence should never be involved. This shows that abortion is never acceptable, unless the mother's life is at risk do this, because killing the mother is a violent action. They have also, the mother is more developed than the baby in the womb and therefore should be given choice right to live should outweigh the baby's right improve to live therefore, I agree. karma and reach enlightenment.

P: Some people may disagree with me because taking life is never acceptable.

E.g. "Do not take life which God has made sacred unless there is a just cause"

↳ could be used in justified conclusion

Teacher assessed work

As with classwork and homework all teacher marked work has been thoroughly engaged with in green pen by the student. This will ensure the student reflects on their progress to ensure improvements are made.

Orthodox Church, the bread is consecrated because they believe that they are in the presence of Jesus when the bread is consecrated. The Orthodox Christians believe they are at the Last Supper in the presence of Jesus.

Another contrasting way is that the bread and wine is optional. For example, in the United Reformed Church, it is optional to take the bread and wine because they believe it to be more of a symbol of Jesus and a way to strengthen their faith rather than being in His presence.

C/W Engaging with Feedback - PPG 23/05/24

"The only way to know God is by being enlightened"

Enlightenment = the gaining of true knowledge about God or self; usually through meditation and self-discipline; in Buddhism and Hindu traditions, gaining freedom from the cycle of rebirth.

No God!

"True knowledge about God"

- General revelation
- pilgrimage
- Conversion i.e. Soul
- Prayer
- worship
- Visions

to "know God" means:

- Personal relationship with God
- Just because I know Paris is the capital of France doesn't mean that I know Paris.
- This is not asking you to talk about what you know of God.

For	Against
P: I agree because you can know God by having an experience with him.	P: I disagree because you can know about God by looking at the world around you.
Ev: Saul on the road to Damascus	Ev: For example, Nature is a form of general revelation and helps us know God.
	P: There are other ways to know God.
	Ev: For example, pilgrimage to places like Lourdes helps one to know God via miracles.

Reason 1: As God created the world around us, when we are in nature we feel like we are part of God's creation and therefore we feel close to God just like we feel close to God's creation. This helps us have a personal relationship with God.

Reason 2: Scripture helps us have a personal relationship with God because we can understand God and His beliefs through His teachings. Therefore, we feel close to God as we believe scripture is His words.

I agree because animals also have senses. For example, a philosopher called Jeremy Bentham said: "The question is not, 'Can they reason?' nor 'Can they talk?' but rather, 'Can they suffer?'" This shows that animal experimentation should be allowed except when it causes the animal pain because animals are just like humans in the way that they can both suffer. Therefore, this quote shows that if we are not willing to experiment on humans because they can sense pain than animal experimentation shouldn't be allowed where the animal senses pain. Therefore, I agree.

Another reason why I agree is because humans have a duty to look after animals. For example, humans have stewardship over animals and this is shown when, in the Bible, it says: "The righteous care for the needs of animals." This shows that animal experimentation should be allowed except when it causes the animal pain because humans have to look after animals if they want to be righteous and live according to moral and religious principles. If they are righteous, they have a better chance to reach their end goal which is to go to heaven. Therefore, in order to achieve this, they will not cause pain to animals. Therefore, I agree.

Humans should not harm animals because in order to care you must not make the animal feel pain and you should not harm the animal.

However, some people may disagree with me because they believe humans rule over the animals. For example, some Christians believe they have dominion over animals because in the Bible, it says: "rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." This shows

