

13+ Theology and Philosophy Examination

Guidance

The Theology and Philosophy section of the Humanities paper presents students with two sources, which may, for example, comprise a quote, a photograph or a diagram. Using the sources as stimuli, students are then invited to answer two equally weighted questions.

The first question will assess your knowledge and understanding of religious or philosophical ideas.

For example:

1. *With reference to Sources A and B, explain why the Buddha taught his followers about suffering and how to end suffering.*

The second question will assess your evaluation skills and ask you to consider a statement from at least two perspectives before giving your own justified opinion.

For example:

2. *“Accepting that all things change - including oneself - will lead to less suffering”.*
Discuss.

Here, candidates are expected to draw on their own knowledge and personal experience to develop a relevant and engaging response.

Students are given 25 minutes in total to complete these questions.



