



Religious Studies GCSE Topic Lists for Revision

Subject: Religious Studies

Topic or component: BELIEFS AND PRACTICES

Beliefs

CHRISTIANITY:

The characteristics of God for Christians; the oneness of God and the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy spirit)

Different Christian beliefs about creation including the role of Word and Spirit (John 1:1–3 and Genesis 1:1–3).

Religious teachings on sin

Christian teachings on the incarnation

Christian teachings on the ascension

Beliefs and teachings about the crucifixion and the meaning of salvation, including law, grace and Spirit and the role of Christ in salvation including the idea of atonement.

The significance of the afterlife and their importance, including resurrection, judgement, heaven and hell

Beliefs

ISLAM:

The nature of God: omnipotence, beneficence, mercy, fairness and justice/Adalat in Shi'a Islam, including different ideas about God's relationship with the world: immanence and transcendence. Angels, their nature and role, including Jibril and Mika'il.

Risalah (Prophethood) including the role and importance of Adam, Ibrahim and Muhammad.

The holy books - Qur'an: revelation and authority • the Torah, the Psalms, the Gospel, the Scrolls of Abraham and their authority.

The imamate in Shi'a Islam: its role and significance and also, the significance of Predestination

Practices

CHRISTIANITY:

The role and meaning of: the sacrament of baptism and its significance for Christians; infant and believers' baptism; different beliefs about infant baptism.

The role and importance of : the celebrations of Christmas and Easter, including their importance for Christians in Great Britain today.

The place of mission, evangelism and Church growth

The importance of the worldwide Church including: working for reconciliation and how Christian churches respond to persecution.

Practices continued.....

ISLAM:

Salah and its significance: how and why Muslims pray including times, directions, ablution (wudu), movements (rak'ahs) and recitations; salah in the home and mosque and elsewhere; Friday prayer: Jummah; key differences in the practice of salah in Sunni and Shi'a Islam, and different Muslim views about the importance of prayer.

Zakah: the role and significance of giving alms including origins, how and why it is given, benefits of receipt, Khums in Shi'a Islam.

Hajj: the role and significance of the pilgrimage to Makkah including origins, how hajj is performed, the actions pilgrims perform at sites including the Ka'aba at Makkah, Mina, Arafat, Muzdalifah and their significance.

Jihad: different understandings of jihad: the meaning and significance of greater and lesser jihad; origins, influence and conditions for the declaration of lesser jihad.

Festivals and commemorations and their importance for Muslims in Great Britain today, including the origins and meanings of Id-ul-Adha, Id-ul-Fitr, Ashura

Strategies and Resources for Revision:

Use your revision guide and practice the 1 mark and 2 mark questions

Write 4 mark explanations (4 minutes) and 5 mark explanations, to include scripture (5-6 minutes). Time yourself.

Examine past papers, including your own completed ones for your PPE's in your folders. Check the wording in the questions and revise 12 mark questions, to include references to religion and your own opinion. A full evaluation will include different perspectives and viewpoints.

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RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES

Sexuality and sexual relationships
Religious attitudes to marriage and divorce
The nature of families in Great Britain
Gender equality

RELIGION AND LIFE

Religious attitudes to animal rights
Origins of the universe
Euthanasia
Afterlife

HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The UDHR and social justice
Types of prejudice and discrimination
The law and religious attitudes to equality
Freedom of belief

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Causes of crime
Aims of punishment
Religious attitudes to crime, the offenders, the types of punishment
Religious teachings (from both Christianity and Islam) on types of crime and punishment

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