



GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Paper 1 50% Exam (1 hour 45 minutes)

Section A: Christianity Belief and Practices

- The problem of evil, creation of the world, the life of Jesus, life after death and salvation
- Worship, prayer, festivals, baptism, Holy Communion and the role of the Church

Section B: Islam Beliefs and Practices

- Beliefs about God, Angels, Predestination, the Prophets of Islam and Holy books.
- The 5 pillars of Islam, Jihad and Festivals of Id and Ashura

Paper 2 50% Exam (1 hour 45 minutes)

Theme A- Religion, Relationships and Family

- Human sexuality, homosexuality, sex before and outside of marriage, marriage, family planning and contraception, family and gender equality.

Theme B- Religion and Life

- Origins of the universe and human life, treatment of the environment and animals, abortion and euthanasia.

Theme E- Religion, Crime and Punishment

- Reasons for crimes, the way we treat criminals, corporal punishment, the death penalty and forgiveness.

Theme F- Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice

- Human rights, religious freedom, racism, homophobia, sexism, ableism, exploitation and helping the poor.

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Useful Links/Resources

Revision guides: (available from the academy revision shop)

- AQA GCSE RS- Christianity and Islam Revision Guide
- AQA GCSE RS- Students work book paper 1
- AQA GCSE RS- Students work book paper 2
- SENECA

Useful Information

Big Reads:

- The Bible- Chapter of Genesis
- The Bible- Chapter of Corinthians
- The Bible- The Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John
- The Qur'an- The Night Journey, The Night of Power.
- The Qur'an- The story of Ibrahim

Watch:

- The passion of Christ / BBC Drama- Passion of Christ
- Down to Earth- Series 1- 'Water'
- Sister Act
- Philomena
- Black Fish
- The Green Mile
- Dead Man walking

Helpful resources:

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zjgx47h>

TRS Webinars 2020 | Outreach | University of Chester

<https://www1.chester.ac.uk/subject-activities-schools-and-colleges/theology-and-religious-studies/trs-chester-level-webinars-0>



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Year 10

Term 1

Christianity Beliefs

- The different beliefs about creation and how the word of God could be interpreted.
- Problems of Evil- how could this contradict the belief that God is all loving and powerful? Why would he let us suffer?
- The life of Jesus- His incarnation, Crucifixion, death and resurrection
- Salvation and the afterlife

Term 2

Christianity Practices

- Forms of Worship- Is there only one way to honour God? Exploring Baptism, Prayer and Pilgrimage
- The Church- How it spreads the faith, how it helps the community and how it responds to those in need.

Section B: Islam Beliefs

- Beliefs about the nature of Allah.
- The role of angels- what do they do for us? What can we learn from them?
- Role of the Prophets- Adam, Ibrahim and Prophet Muhammad.
- The successorship of Prophet Muhammad and the divide in Sunni and Shi'a Islam.

Term 3

Islam Practices

- The Five Pillars of Islam- Shahadah, Salah, Zakat, Sawm, Hajj.
- Jihad- Lesser and Greater and fighting in Holy Wars
- Festivals- Id-ul-fitr, Id-ul-Adha and Ashura.

Year 11

Term 1

Theme A: Relationships and Family

- Human sexuality, sex before marriage and sex outside of marriage.
- Family planning, contraception, marriage and divorce.
- Nature of family and the purpose of family
- Gender equality.

Theme B: Religion and life

- Origins of the universe and value of the world
- Use and abuse of the environment and pollution
- Use of animals for food and medical testing
- Origins of human life, abortion and euthanasia.

Term 2

Theme E- Crime and Punishment

- UK law
- Reasons for Crime and attitudes behind committing crimes.
- Aims of punishments and treatment of criminals including prison, corporal punishment and the death penalty.
- Forgiveness

Term 3

Theme F- Human Rights and Social Justice

- Human Rights and Social Justice
- Religious freedom
- Discrimination- Racism, homophobia, sexism and ableism
- Wealth, poverty and exploitation

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