

KS4 - AQA GCSE Spec A- Religious Studies

'Religiously literate, culturally aware and philosophically curious'

Golden Threads				
				
Identity	Community	Ethics	God	Rituals
Disciplinary Approaches				
  				

Component 1 (Paper 1) - Religious Beliefs and Practices (50%)			
<u>Christianity - Beliefs, Teachings and Practices (25%)</u>		<u>Islam - Beliefs, Teachings and Practices (25%)</u>	
<u>Christian Beliefs and Teachings</u>	<u>Christian Practices</u>	<u>Islam Beliefs and Teachings</u>	<u>Islam Practices</u>
The nature of God Creation Jesus Christ Salvation The Afterlife	Forms of Worship Sacraments Pilgrimage and Celebration Christianity in Britain and the Church in the Local Community The Worldwide Church	The nature of Allah Prophethood (Risalah) Akhirah (afterlife) Foundations of Faith - 6 Articles/5 Roots	The Five Pillars of Sunni Islam: practices in Britain and elsewhere Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam: practices in Britain and elsewhere Jihad Festivals and commemorations.
<u>Component 2 (Paper 2) - Thematic Studies (50%)</u> These units are studied predominantly from the Christian perspective, with some Islamic views included.			
<u>Religion, Relationships and Families</u>	<u>Religion and Life</u>	<u>Crime and Punishment</u>	<u>Peace and Conflict</u>
Relationships Sexual Relationships Issues of equality: gender prejudice and discrimination Marriage Divorce	The World / Creation / Big Bang The Origin and Value of Human Life Evolution Beliefs about Death and the Afterlife Environmental sustainability Euthanasia	Causes of Crime Aims of Punishment Forgiveness Capital Punishment Corporal Punishment The Prison System	Peace and Justice Causes of Conflict Weapons of Mass Destruction Holy War (Jihad) Just War Pacifism

- 96 marks, plus 6 marks for spelling punctuation and grammar (SPaG) in Component 1, and 3 marks for SPaG in Component 2.

GCSE RE Command Words

Command words are the words and phrases used in exams and other assessment tasks that tell you how you should answer the question.

Evaluate You need to consider different viewpoints and arrive at a judgment.



Explain You need to show your understanding and knowledge of teachings or practices. You need to identify at least two relevant points and demonstrate your understanding by giving examples or teachings to support your point.

Explain

Explain different attitudes to... You need to show your knowledge and understanding of different attitudes about an ethical or philosophical issue or belief.



Explain how X may influence Y You need to show your knowledge and understanding of how a religious belief or practice influences individuals or groups.

Explain how X may influence Y

Give You need to show your knowledge of two examples or two beliefs.



Why You need to show a reasoned consideration of a single point of view through a logical chain of reasoning.

Why

Cohabitation Contraception	Abortion Quality of life/Sanctity of life	Justice Reconciliation	Religious Responses to the Victims of War	
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