



Guiseley School Revision Support

Subject: GCSE Religious Studies EDUQAS

Resources to support revision:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z68sjhv>

https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies-gcse/#tab_overview

Component 1 - Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World

1. ISSUES OF RELATIONSHIPS				
Topic	Exercise book/notes	😊	😐	😞
<p><u>RELATIONSHIPS</u> REVISE CHRISTIAN AND ISLAM BELIEFS ON THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature and purpose of family • Roles of women and men • Marriage outside of the religious tradition (inter-faith marriage) • Cohabitation (living together outside of marriage) • The nature AND purpose of marriage as expressed through marriage ceremonies • Different attitudes towards: - adultery - divorce - annulment - separation - re-marriage <p>From an Islamic perspective only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity of beliefs between Shi'a and Sunni Muslims regarding temporary unannounced marriage • Arranged marriage in Britain 				
<p><u>SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS</u> REVISE CHRISTIAN AND ISLAM BELIEFS ON THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachings about the nature and purpose of sex • Teachings about the use of contraception • Diverse attitudes towards same sex relationships <p>From a Christian perspective only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varied interpretations of the Natural Law/ Absolutist approach of St. Thomas Aquinas' Five Primary Precepts (with reference to the second Primary Precept) 				
<p><u>ISSUES OF EQUALITY: GENDER PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION</u> Diverse attitudes within Christianity toward the roles of women and men in worship and authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican views on this topic • Diverse attitudes within Islam toward the roles of women and men in worship and authority. 				






2. ISSUES OF LIFE AND DEATH				
Topic	Exercise book/notes	😊	😐	😞
<p><u>THE WORLD</u> REVISE CHRISTIAN, ISLAM AND NON-RELIGIOUS BELIEFS ON THE FOLLOWING: Diverse beliefs, teachings AND attitudes about the accounts of the origin of the universe in Genesis (Bible and the Qur'an)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relationship between religious and non-religious views of the creation of the universe • The extent to which these views conflict • Stephen Hawking's view of the Big Bang • Religious AND non-religious beliefs, teachings AND attitudes about: Dominion, Stewardship, Environmental responsibility, Sustainability and Global citizenship • 'Humanists 4 a Better World' 				
<p><u>THE ORIGIN AND VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE</u> REVISE CHRISTIAN, ISLAM AND NON-RELIGIOUS BELIEFS ON THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • teachings AND attitudes about the origin and sanctity (sacredness) of human life • Non-religious views about evolution: Charles Darwin & Richard Dawkins • Religious attitudes about: Abortion & Euthanasia • Non-religious views on the importance of human life • Non-religious views on the importance of animal life (Peter Singer's views on 'Speciesism') • Humanist views about dignity in dying 				
<p><u>BELIEFS ABOUT DEATH AND THE AFTERLIFE:</u> REVISE CHRISTIAN, ISLAM AND NON-RELIGIOUS BELIEFS ON THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diverse religious beliefs AND teachings about life after death, including: <i>Soul, Judgement, Heaven/Paradise & Hell</i> • How religious funerals in Britain reflect beliefs about the afterlife • How Humanist funerals in Britain reflect beliefs about the afterlife 				



3. ISSUES OF GOOD AND EVIL

Topic	Exercise book/notes	😊	😐	☹️
<p><u>CRIME AND PUNISHMENT</u> REVISE CHRISTIAN AND ISLAM BELIEFS ON THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes an act ‘wrong’? • Religious and ethical responses to this question: <i>Relative Morality, Absolute Morality, Conscience, Virtues & Sin</i> • Beliefs AND attitudes about the causes of crime • Beliefs AND attitudes about the aims of punishment: <i>Justice, Retribution, Deterrence, Reformation</i> • The treatment of criminals • The work of prison reformers • The work of prison chaplains • Varied conservative and liberal views of the Death Penalty (Capital Punishment) & Varied Islamic responses to the death penalty, including interpretations of Shariah Law 				
<p><u>FORGIVENESS</u> REVISE CHRISTIAN AND ISLAM BELIEFS ON THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious teachings about forgiveness • Examples of forgiveness arising from personal beliefs 				
<p><u>GOOD SUFFERING & EVIL</u> Philosophical views on the origin of evil:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Sin (free will) – i.e. St. Augustine • ‘Soul-Making’ i.e. Irenaeus and John Hick • Philosophical challenges posed by belief in God, free will and the existence of evil and suffering • How the Devil tests humans • The Islamic belief in pre-destination (al Qadr) in relationship to free will 				



4. ISSUES OF HUMAN RIGHTS				
Topic	Exercise book/notes			
<p><u>HUMAN RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE</u> REVISE CHRISTIAN AND ISLAM BELIEFS ON THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious beliefs, teachings AND attitudes about the dignity of human life • Religious practices to promote human rights (including equality) • Agape in action i.e. examples of Christian love in action to promote human rights. • Ummah in action • An example of conflict between personal conviction and the laws of a country (Oscar Romero) • Censorship • Freedom of religious expression • Religious extremism 				
<p><u>PREJUDICE & DISCRIMINATION</u> REVISE CHRISTIAN AND ISLAM BELIEFS ON THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious beliefs, teachings AND attitudes about prejudice and discrimination • Religious beliefs, teachings and attitudes about RACIAL prejudice and discrimination • Martin Luther King's & Malcolm X's teachings on equality • Actions of the Christian/Muslim Forum 				
<p><u>WEALTH & POVERTY</u> REVISE CHRISTIAN AND ISLAM BELIEFS ON THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethical considerations about gaining wealth • Ethical decisions about using wealth • The actions and attitudes of Christian charities in 21st century Britain to prevent poverty • Christian Aid 				



Component 2 – Study of Christianity

Topic	Exercise book/notes	😊	😐	😞
<p><u>THE NATURE OF GOD</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omnipotent, Omnibenevolent, Problem of Evil • Trinity – God as three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit 				
<p><u>CREATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of the universe • How the texts are differently interpreted literal/non-literal • Human nature and role of humans • Word and Spirit in the creation of the universe (Jesus) 				
<p><u>JESUS CHRIST</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incarnation – God as a human in Jesus • Crucifixion of Jesus • Salvation – spiritually saved from sin • Atonement – making up for the sins of hu mankind • Resurrection of Jesus • Ascension of Jesus 				
<p><u>SALVATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word of God (Law) • Inspiration and Revelation -God showing Himself to humankind • Different interpretations of biblical texts • Other sources of authority e.g. conscience, free will, religious leaders etc. • Sin – deliberately going against God • Grace and Spirit • The role of the Holy Spirit in Evangelical worship 				
<p><u>THE AFTERLIFE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eschatological beliefs – the ‘end times’ (end of the world as we know it) • Judgement – God as Judge • Christian beliefs about the resurrection of body and/or soul • Older and newer Christian views about Heaven and Hell 				



<p><u>FORMS OF WORSHIP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different ways of worshipping – liturgical (a set order), informal (more spontaneous) and individual (private worship). • The nature and importance of prayer • The Lord’s Prayer • Liturgical and informal prayers with reference to Evangelical Christians and The Society of Friends (Quakers) 				
<p><u>SACRAMENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different Christian beliefs about Sacraments (e.g. 7 for Catholics, 2 for most Protestants) • The role, meaning and celebration of Baptism and Eucharist • Diverse interpretations of Baptism (infant and believers’) and Eucharist (transubstantiation, consubstantiation, memorialism) 				
<p><u>PILGRIMAGE AND CELEBRATIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of pilgrimage • Walsingham • Taize • Christian celebrations of Easter and Christmas 				
<p><u>CHRISTIANITY IN BRITAIN AND THE CHURCH IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christianity in Britain • The results of the 2011 census • The Christian roots of Britain’s laws, festivals and traditions • Celebrating the festivals, beliefs and cultures of other religious and non-religious traditions • The role of the Church in the local community: worship, social, community 				
<p><u>THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of mission, evangelism and church growth • Christian beliefs in action - the work of ‘Tearfund’ • The persecution of Christians past and current • Working towards reconciliation: The World Council of Churches and The Ecumenical Movement 				



Component 3 – Study of a world faith: Islam

Topic	Exercise book/notes	😊	😐	😞
<u>THE NATURE OF ALLAH</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nature of Allah; immanence/transcendence/omnipotence/beneficence/merciful/fair/just • Tawhid – the oneness of Allah • Adalat (in Shi’a Islam) 				
<u>PROPHET HOOD (RISALAH)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are Prophets important in Islam? • The importance of Prophet Adam – the first Prophet • The importance and significance of Ibrahim • The importance of Isa for Muslims • The importance of Muhammed (‘Seal of the Prophets’) 				
<u>ANGELS (MALAIKAH)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The significance of Angels • Different Islamic (Shi’a and Sunni) beliefs about Angels and the concept of free will • The significance of Angel Jibril’s revelation of the Qur’an to Prophet Muhammed • The significance of Angel Mika’il (in relation to plants and rain) • The significance of Angel Israfil (in relation to the Day of Resurrection) 				
<u>AKHIRAH (AFTERLIFE)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concept of Al-Qadr (predestination) • The implications of Al-Qadr for human freedom • Akhirah; human responsibility and account ability • Muslim beliefs AND teachings about the after-life • Human freedom and its relationship to the Day of Judgement • Muslim beliefs about the nature, stages and purpose of Heaven • Muslim beliefs about the nature and purpose of Hell 				
<u>FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Six Articles of Faith – Sunni islam • The Five Roots in Usul ad-Din – Shi’a Islam • Islamic attitudes towards: Kutub, Sahifah, Injil, Tawrat, Zabur 				



<p><u>THE FIVE PILLARS OF SUNNI ISLAM: PRACTICES IN BRITAIN AND ELSEWHERE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shahadah – the statement of faith • Zakah – charity – how taxes and alms are paid and spent • Sawm – fasting during Ramadan – how Muslims fast and the challenges of fasting for British Muslims • Hajj – pilgrimage to Makkah – how Muslims observe this pillar and the challenges for British Muslims undertaking the pilgrimage. • Salah – the practices of prayer – at home and at the mosque • Jummah prayer 				
<p><u>TEN OBLIGATORY ACTS OF SHI’A ISLAM: PRACTICES IN BRITAIN AND ELSEWHERE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Shi’a Muslims perform salat (prayer) • How Shi’a Muslims observe sawm (fasting) • How Shi’a Muslims pay zakat (charity) • How Shi’a Muslims pay khums (savings tax) • How Shi’a Muslims observe hajj - pilgrimage to Makkah • How Shi’a Muslims make pilgrimage to Shi’a shrines • Jihad – the struggle to live as a good Muslim • Amr-bil-Marooif – how Muslims encourage others to do good • Nahil Anril Munkar – how Muslims discourage bad actions • Tawalia – the duty to love the friends of Allah • Tabarra – the duty to express disapproval of evil-doers 				
<p><u>JIHAD</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Jihad – the struggle to live as a good Muslim – implications for maintaining a Muslim lifestyle in Britain • Lesser Jihad – the origins, influences and conditions for declaring a Lesser Jihad 				
<p><u>FESTIVALS AND COMMEMORATIONS: PRACTICES IN BRITAIN AND ELSEWHERE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Id-ul-Adha – the festival of sacrifice. How Muslims celebrate in Britain and worldwide • Id-ul-Fitr – the festival of fast-breaking after Ramadan. How Muslims celebrate in Britain and worldwide • Ashura – the Day of Remembrance in Shi’a Islam. How Shi’a Muslims celebrate in Britain and worldwide • The Night of Power – the importance of the revelation of the Qur’an by Allah to Muhammed. How it is viewed and treated in Islam 				