



GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

PAPER 1: CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM

PERSONAL LEARNING CHECKLISTS

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Christianity: Beliefs and Teachings		
	Why the belief is important	How the belief influences Christians
Key Beliefs		
The nature of God: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Oneness of God • The Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit 		
Different Christian beliefs about creation including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of Word (John 1:1-3) • The role of Spirit (Genesis 1:1–3) 		
Different Christian beliefs about the afterlife and their importance including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurrection and life after death • Judgement • Heaven • Hell 		
Jesus Christ and salvation		
Beliefs and teachings about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The crucifixion • Resurrection • Ascension 		
Beliefs and teachings about: the means of salvation, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law • grace • Spirit 		
Beliefs and teachings about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of Christ in salvation • The idea of atonement 		

Christianity: Practices		
	What it is	Why it is important
Worship and festivals		
<p>The role and meaning of the sacraments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sacrament of baptism and its significance for Christians • Infant baptism • Believers' baptism • Different beliefs about infant baptism 		
<p>The role and importance of celebrations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The celebration of Christmas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How Christmas is celebrated - The importance of Christmas for Christians in Great Britain today. • The celebration of Easter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How Easter is celebrated - The importance of Easter for Christians in Great Britain today. 		

	What it is	Why it is important
The role of the church in the local and worldwide community		
<p>The role and importance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission in the Church • Evangelism in the Church 		
Where and how Christianity is spreading worldwide		
Strategies used to encourage Church growth		
<p>The importance of the worldwide Church including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working for reconciliation • How Christian churches respond to persecution. 		

Islam: Beliefs and Teachings		
	Why the belief is important	How the belief influences Muslims
Key Beliefs		
<p>The nature of God:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muslim beliefs about the nature of God • The names of qualities of God including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Omnipotence - Beneficence - Mercy • The meaning of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fairness - Justice (Adalat in Shi'a Islam) • Different ideas about God's relationship with the world: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Immanence - transcendence. 		
<p>The nature and role of Angels, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jibril • Mika'il 		

	Why the belief is important	How the belief influences Christians
Authority		
Muslim beliefs about Risalah (Prophethood)		
The role and importance of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam • Ibrahim • Muhammad 		
Holy books: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The significance of the Qur'an as revelation and authority • Muslim beliefs about the authority of other Holy books: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Torah - the Psalms - the Gospel - the Scrolls of Abraham 		
The meaning, significance and role of the Imamate in Shi'a Islam		

Islam: Practices		
	What it is	Why it is important
Worship		
Salah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significance of salah • How and why Muslims pray including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Times - Directions - Ablution (wudu) - Movements (rak'ahs) - Recitations • Salah in the home, mosque and elsewhere • Friday prayer (Jummah) • Differences in the practice of salah in Sunni and Shi'a Islam • Different Muslim views about the importance of prayer 		

	What it is	Why it is important
Duties and festivals		
Zakah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role and significance of Zakah (giving alms) • The origins of Zakah • How and why it is given • Who benefits from Zakah • The Shi'a practice of Khums 		
Hajj: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role and significance of the pilgrimage to Makkah • The origins of Hajj • How Hajj is performed • The actions pilgrims perform and their significance at sites including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Ka'aba - Mina - Arafat - Muzdalifah 		
Jihad: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The origins, meanings and importance for Muslims in Great Britain today of Id-ul-Adha • The origins, meanings and importance for Muslims in Great Britain today of Id-ul-Fitr • The origins, meanings and importance for Muslims in Great Britain today of Ashura 		