



Y11 Religious Studies Exam Specification and General Support

Exam specification and exam board	GCSE AQA 8062/13		
Past paper questions	Paper 1, Option 3 and 7 Paper 2		
Useful revision websites	BBC Bitesize – Christianity BBC Bitesize – Sikhism		
Revision Resources	 GCSE Pod – make sure you are only watching or completing tasks that are to do with Christianity and Sikhism National Academy – do numbers 3-8 only: beliefs and practices for Christianity and the Thematic Studies Units we have/will have studied Your Files Revision Guides 		
Exam info	Paper 1: Thursday 9 May 2024 (AM, 1hr 45min) Beleifs and Practices: Christianity / Sikhism Paper 2: Thursday 16 May 2024 (PM, 1hr 45min) Thematic – Remember you must learn these 4 units: • Theme A: Relationships and Families • Theme B: Religion and Life • Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment • Theme F: Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice		





Week	Activity 1		
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1 19.02.24	 Christian Beliefs Read through your notes and make or use revision materials to help you revise this material. Divide Christian beliefs into the following sections: Nature of God – include and learn key words Different Christian beliefs about the creation of the world, including the Word and Spirit – Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1 Different Christian beliefs about the afterlife and their importance, including: resurrection and life after death; judgement, heaven and hell. 	Christian Beliefs Read through your notes and make or use revision materials to help you revise this material. Divide Christian beliefs into the following sections: the incarnation and Jesus as the Son of God the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension sin, including original sin the means of salvation, including law, grace and Spirit the role of Christ in salvation including the idea of atonement	Watch the pods
2 26.02.24	Christian Beliefs Read through your notes and make or use revision materials to help you revise this material. Divide Christian beliefs into the following sections: the incarnation and Jesus as the Son of God the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension sin, including original sin the means of salvation, including law, grace and Spirit the role of Christ in salvation including the idea of atonement.	Complete the activities on this link	Answer the 1 mark, 2 mark, 4 mark and 5 mark questions
3 04.03.24	 Sikh Beliefs Read through your notes and make or use revision materials to help you revise this material. Divide Sikh beliefs into the following sections: The nature of God as expressed in the Mool Mantra: the content and significance of the Mool Mantra, Guru Granth Sahib (GGS) 1a. God as Creator, including different aspects of God's relationship with creation: God shown in and through the universe God as separate from the universe The nature of human life as an opportunity to unite with God, including the development of Sikh virtues such as wisdom, truthful living, justice, temperance, self-control, patience, courage, humility, contentment 	 Read through your notes and make or use revision materials to help you revise this material. Divide Sikh beliefs into the following sections: Beliefs in karma and rebirth, and the aim of mukti; the meaning of mukti, including the different aspects of mukti – positive and negative. The five stages of liberation (five khands) and barriers to mukti (illusion, self-centredness, lust, anger, greed, worldly attachment, pride). The importance of being gurmukh (God-centred) rather than manmukh (man-centred) and the elimination of pride or ego (haumai). 	Answer the 12 mark question





Week

Activity 2

Activity 3

Sikh Practices

Read through notes and make or use revision materials to help you learn.

Activity 1

Worship and service

- Religious features of the gurdwara: design, furniture, and artefacts; the practices associated with these features and their importance, including the palki and takht.
- he role of the gurdwara within the Sikh community.
- The role of prayer in the home, GGS 305:4.
- The role and importance of the akhand path.
- The meaning and significance of langar as an expression of sewa.
- The significance of meditating on the name of God (nam japna) in daily life and in the gurdwara. Festivals and lifestyle
- Festivals and their importance for Sikhs in Great Britain today, including the origins and significance of the following:
 - Vaisakhi (Baisakhi)
 - Divali
- Gurpurbs, including Guru Nanak's birthday and differences in the way gurpurbs are celebrated in India and Great Britain.
- The importance of visiting Sikh historical gurdwaras, including the Golden Temple (Harimandir Sahib) in Amritsar.
- Birth and naming ceremonies including their meaning and significance.
- The initiation ceremony (Amrit Sanskar), including the meaning and importance of the Khalsa and the five Ks, and the different perspectives of sahajdhari and amritdhari Sikhs.
- The significance and use of the names Singh and Kaur

Make notes from this page

Thematic Studies – Theme E: Religion Crime and Punishment

Read through your notes in your files and your revision guides, then complete the MCQ

Answer this 12 mark question:

'Religious people should always obey the law.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should refer to religious arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.
 [12 marks]

Remember Some Christians would disagree with this statement because...

This is a strong or weak argument because...

Other Christians would agree with this statement because...

This is a strong or weak argument because...

Some Sikhs would disagree with this statement because...

This is a strong or weak argument because...

Other Sikhs would agree with this statement because...

This is a strong or weak argument because...

An Atheist might argue... because...

Therefore...

Or stick to DREAREY

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	Sikh Beliefs	Sikh Beliefs	Christian Practices
5 18.03.24	Read through your notes and make or use revision materials to help you revise this material. Divide Sikh beliefs into the following sections: Beliefs about the nature of human life Belief in the oneness of humanity and in the equality of all, including complete equality of women with men. The expression of the equality of all in: the stories of the lives of Gurus, including Guru Nanak and Guru Gobind Singh the Guru Granth Sahib in Sikhism today. Sewa: the importance and priority of service to others, including physical (tan), mental (man) and material (dhan). The role and importance of the sangat (religious community).	And the 1 mark, 2 mark, 4 mark and 5 mark questions	Read through your notes and make or use revision materials to help you revise this material. Divide Christian Practices into the following sections: Worship and festivals Different forms of worship and their significance: Iliturgical, non-liturgical and informal, including the use of the Bible private worship. Prayer and its significance, including the Lord's Prayer, set prayers and informal prayer. The role and meaning of the sacraments: the meaning of sacrament the sacrament of baptism and its significance for Christians; infant and believers' baptism; different beliefs about infant baptism the sacrament of Holy Communion/ Eucharist and its significance for Christians, including different ways in which it is celebrated and different interpretations of its meaning. The role and importance of pilgrimage and celebrations including: two contrasting examples of Christian pilgrimage: Lourdes and Iona the celebrations of Christmas and Easter, including their importance for Christians in Great Britain today.





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6 25.03.24	 Christian Practices Read through your notes and make or use revision materials to help you revise this material. Divide Christian Practices into the following sections: The role of the church in the local and worldwide community The role of the Church in the local community, including food banks and street pastors. The place of mission, evangelism and Church growth. The importance of the worldwide Church including: working for reconciliation how Christian churches respond to persecution the work of one of the following: Catholic Agency For Overseas Development (CAFOD), Christian Aid, Tearfund. 	Answer the following 12 mark question: 'The Lord's Prayer is the only prayer that Christians need to use.' Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should: Refer to Christian teaching Give reasoned arguments to support this statement Give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view Reach a justified conclusion	Create your own 1 mark, 2 mark, 4 mark and 5 mark question for Christian Practices Play the Kahoot (if this link doesn't work, email me swilson@sheldonschool.co.uk)	
Easter Break	Complete full paper on Christian Beliefs and Practices	Thematic Studies – Theme B: Religion and Life Read through your notes in your files and your revision guides, then complete the MCQ Join Code: 7208 1014	Complete full paper on Thematic Studies Remember to choose the 4 sections we are doing ie A, B, E and F. Do not do all the sections.	





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7 15.04.24	Practice 4 & 5 mark questions on Christian and Sikh beliefs	Practice 4 & 5 mark questions on all Thematic Studies units Theme A, B, E and F – DO NOT DO C & D	Practice 12 mark questions on Sikh Practices Focus on Gurpurbs and Naming and Birthing Ceremonies
8 22.04.24	A Christian and Sikh approach to reconciliation. Review notes and create your own multiple- choice questions. Set these aside.	 Theme E: Crime and Punishment Make a list of: the causes of crime the aims of punishment types of punishment Sikh views towards the causes of crime Sikh views towards the different aims and forms of punishment Christian views towards the causes of crime Christian views towards the aims and forms of punishment Remember, in 12 mark answers, even if one of the aims or types of punishment is mentioned in the quotation, you don't have to only talk about it. You can suggest other aims or types as alternatives. But, you must be able to define what they are. 	Look back at the multiple-choice questions you made earlier in the week about Christian and Sikh approaches to reconciliation. See if you can answer them all without referring to your notes.





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9 24.04.24	The role of Christ in Salvation – link to incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. Draw a revision tree, to explain the aspects of Christ's role in salvation.	Watch the video Print a copy of this and answer the questions	Mission and Evangelism – Christianity Festivals – Christian and Sikh Go through your notes and find out about the Great Commission and link to Alpha Courses and CfaN (Christ for all Nations) – how do these support the Great Commission and Church Growth. Key terms eg convert Make a list of all the Sikh festivals and why they are important and how they are celebrated. Make a list of Christian festivals – why they are important and how they are celebrated. Remember, you will need contrasting ideas for this. Remind yourself what the command word contrasting means. You must give and explain two beliefs/teachings/ practices but they must be contrasting or different. They don't have to be opposite, they can just be different, but must be explained.