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# GCSE

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

### Paper 1: Christianity & Islam

Monday, 16th May 2022

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

#### Materials

**Before** you open this book, you must ensure you also have:

- the Question Paper/Answer Book for the other **religion option** you are entered for (Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism **or** Sikhism).  
You will have 1 hour 45 minutes to complete **both** Question Paper/Answer Books.

#### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page **and** on your other book.
- Answer **all** questions.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book.  
Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.  
Do **not** write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.

#### Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is **102**
- The marks for the questions are shown in brackets.
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**) will be assessed in the 12-mark question in the **Beliefs** section.

#### Advice

You are advised to spend 50 minutes on this religion option and 50 minutes on your **other** religion option.

# Christian Beliefs

1) Which of these events took place on the first day of the creation story(Genesis)? [1]

- A. God creates the sky
- B. God rests
- C. God creates humans
- D. God creates light

2). Give two Christian beliefs about the Trinity [2]

3) Explain two ways belief in life after death influences Christians today. [4]

4) Explain two Christian beliefs about Jesus' Resurrection. Refer to sacred writings or another source of Christian belief and teaching in your answer. [5]

5) 'Salvation can only come through belief in Jesus' [12 + 3]

# Christian Practices

- 1) Which one of the following is not one of the seven sacraments? [1]
  - A. Marriage
  - B. Baptism
  - C. Confirmation
  - D. Persecution
  
- 2) Give two ways in which the Church might promote reconciliation. [2]
  
- 3) Explain two ways Christians celebrate Easter. [4]
  
- 4) Explain two Christian teachings about evangelism. Refer to sacred writings or another source of Christian belief and teaching in your answer. [5]
  
- 5) 'Believer's Baptism is better than Infant's Baptism' [12]

# Islamic Beliefs

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  - B. Risalah
  - C. Tawhid
  - D. Akhira
  
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- 3) Explain two ways in which the Quran influences Muslims today. [4]
  
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- 5) 'Muhammad is the only prophet a Muslim should follow' [12 + 3]

# Islamic Practices

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- A. Zakat
- B. Hajj
- C. Khums
- D. Nubuwwah

2) Give two ways in which Eid-ul-Adha is celebrated by Muslims [2]

3) Explain two contrasting understandings of Jihad [4]

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5) 'Friday Prayer is more important than Daily Prayers(Salah)'

# MARK SCHEME

## Christian Beliefs

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2). Give two Christian beliefs about the Trinity [2]

Any two from: **God is three-in-one/Trinity consists of Father, Son and Holy Spirit/Father created universe/Father sustains life/Son is Jesus/Son is incarnation/Holy Spirit is a purifier of humanity/Holy Spirit is revealed through sacraments etc.**

3) Explain two ways belief in life after death influences Christians today. [4]

Several things can be mentioned:

- **Heaven**
  - **Place of eternal bliss etc.**
  - **Influences Christians to do good**
  - **Christians perform baptism to get rid of original sin to attain Heaven**
  - **Some Christians see Heaven as a state of mind (henosis, unification, theosis, attaining divinity)**
- **Hell**
  - **Place of torment etc.**
  - **Deters Christians from bad**
  - **Christians ask for forgiveness to avoid Hell**
  - **Many Christians are influenced by the belief that they will be judged when they die (eg as in the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, Matthew 25:31-46) / and that being sent to hell/eternal torment is a real possibility, so they may decide to follow Jesus' teachings.**
  - **Some Christians understand hell as a metaphor for separation from God / which again influences them to follow Jesus' teachings.**
  - **Some see hell as a free choice to deliberately turn away from God / so most do not reject God.**
  - **Some see the idea of hell as so horrible that they reject the idea of it / they are influenced to believe in universalism / that everybody will be saved / because God is a God of love, etc.**
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- **Judgement Day**
  - **Christians refrain from sin to avoid being judged on it during Judgement Day**
  - **Same things as above**
- **Purgatory**
  - **Same things as above**

4) Explain two Christian beliefs about Jesus' Resurrection. Refer to sacred writings or another source of Christian belief and teaching in your answer. [5]

Some points that could be included:

- Gives Christians faith that they will be raised from the dead, by proving that it is possible, helps them overcome fear of death
- Encourages some to lay down their life for their faith creates faith that good can triumph over evil, so helps Christians face persecution and suffering
- Proves that Jesus was God's son, so gives authority to his teaching and example and gives them stronger reason to follow his teaching.
- Shows God's divinity - death cannot contain him. Because God doesn't commit sin, he doesn't have to stay dead.
- Fulfils the prophecies and scriptures, revealing that he is the son of God, the Messiah and the incarnation.
- "For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man."
- Other quotations and points may be credited

5) 'Salvation can only come through belief in Jesus' [12 + 3]

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Arguments for

- Salvation means to be saved from sin and the consequences of sin.
- Some Christians believe that sin entered the world through the 'original sin' of Adam and Eve / when they ignored God's command not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil / the result of disobedience was separation from God, and death (Genesis 2 & 3).

- Christians believe that salvation from sin comes from the life and teachings of Jesus / St Paul explains this in Romans 6:23: 'The wages of sin is death, but God's free gift is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord'.
- Jesus was aware that his death was necessary in order to restore the right relationship between humans and God / to make forgiveness and eternal life possible for all people.
- God accepted Jesus's sacrifice as an 'atonement' for human sin / the idea of the Atonement therefore means that salvation became available for all humans / because Jesus' suffering and death restored the right relationship between humans and God / so the author of 1 John says: 'If anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ. He is the atoning sacrifice for sins' / humans can return to paradise/live for ever in paradise / by believing in Jesus and following his teachings.
- Peter says (Acts 4:12) that salvation exists through Jesus and no one else: 'there is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.'
- St Paul summarises Jesus' role in salvation by saying: 'If you say with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord", and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.' (Romans 10:9-10), etc.
- 'I am the Way and the Truth' - exclusivism, only Jesus is the way to Heaven.

#### Arguments Against

- Salvation can come through God's Grace / unconditional love of God for everyone, regardless of whether or not they have obeyed his will.
- Some Christians believe that salvation does not need to be earned through doing good works, just by Grace. 'For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith ... it is the gift of God.' (Ephesians 2:8)
- Salvation can also happen through the Holy Spirit / helps Christians to follow the teachings of God.
- Salvation through Law / Old testament's laws in Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.
- Ten Commandments, 'Thou shalt not commit murder' etc.
- Inclusivism and Pluralism, there are equally valid paths to God, not just Jesus and Christianity.
  - However this makes Jesus' Crucifixion useless as you can still get to Heaven without him.

## Christian Practices

1) Which one of the following is the sacrament that commemorates Jesus' last supper? [1]

**D. Persecution**

2) Give two ways in which the Church might promote reconciliation. [2]



Any two from: **Overseas organisations such as Christian Aid/CAFOD/Bringing people together after wars/Pax Christi/Doing charity work/Providing people with food/ Providing medical aid etc.**

3) Explain two ways Christians celebrate Easter. [4]

Any 2 of the following with explanation:

- **Easter eggs**
  - **Symbolising new life; Jesus' resurrection**
- **Lamb figures as decoration**
  - **Signifying Jesus as the passover lamb, his sacrifice.**
- **Empty Crosses**
  - **Symbolising the resurrection**
- **Flowers**
  - **Spring; new life**
- **Lighting the Paschal Candle**
  - **Sign of the Light of Christ**
- Other points may be credited

4) Explain two Christian teachings about evangelism. Refer to sacred writings or another source of Christian belief and teaching in your answer. [5]

Any two of the following:

- **The mission of the Church is to evangelise / this is clear from Matthew 28:19-20 where, having appeared to the 11 disciples after his death, Jesus commissions them: 'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you ...'**
- **So as a command from Jesus / the mission of the Church is to evangelise – to spread the gospel of Christ by public preaching, teaching and healing, and/or by personal witness testimony.**
- **Similarly in Matthew 4:19, Jesus told Simon Peter and Andrew to follow him / and then he would make them 'fish for people'.**
- **Many Christians therefore feel that it is important to use their skills to spread the good news about Jesus / and this might be done by preaching / teaching / healing / or any other particular skill that they feel called to use.**
- **For some, this leads them to undertake missionary work / at home or abroad / in order to 'save' those who do not know Christ.**
- **Paul took his evangelical mission to the Gentiles (non-Jews) / so that 'they may be saved' (Romans 10:1).**
- **It is important, therefore, for the mission of the Church, for all people to accept Christ and to be saved, etc.**

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#### Arguments for

- **Everyone descends from Adam / and so everyone inherits Adam's sin through seminal identity / so this sin needs to be removed as soon as possible by the actions of the Church in baptising infants / Infant baptism is therefore necessary to do this.**
- **Everyone has a tendency to sin / so everyone needs salvation / including infants / Baptism then brings the infant into the Church as early as possible / so the child has the support of the entire Christian community.**
- **The gifts of the Holy Spirit / allow an infant to grow up in God's love, etc.**

#### Arguments against

- **Baptism is meant to wash away a person's sins / Infants are too young to have sins / so the ritual of infant baptism is less important than the informed consent of believers' baptism.**
- **Baptism should be a personal decision to become a member of the Christian Church / Infants are not capable of taking personal decisions / which lessens its importance by comparison with a believer's decision to be baptised.**
- **Jesus was an adult when baptised / so Christians have no obvious obligation to be baptised as infants, etc.**

## Islamic Beliefs

1) Which of the following is the word for 'Divine Justice'? [1]

**A. Adalat**

2) Give two angels mentioned in the Quran [2]

Any two from: **Jibril/Mika'il/Israfil/Izrail**

3) Explain two ways in which the Quran influences Muslims today. [4]

Points that could be mentioned:

- **The Quran provides guidelines for Muslims on how to live their lives**
- **The Quran influences Muslims as it shows them what is right and guides them to become a good Muslim.**
- **The Quran is the Holy Book and word of God / teaches that God was all-knowing and powerful so Muslims are inspired: to treat others the way you would like to be treated, respecting views of others.**
- **Muhammad said "The Quran is a proof for you or against you.", as it will be one of the intercessors on the Day of Judgement / Muslims try to follow the Quran and act by it to achieve Paradise (Al-Jannah)**
- **Muslims recite the Quran during Salah(prayer)**

4) Explain two Muslim beliefs about the Imamate in Shi'a Islam. Refer to sacred writings or another source of Muslim belief and teaching in your answer. [5]

Points that could be mentioned:

- **Shi'as believe that Muhammad named Ali as his successor ; 'There is no God but Allah. The prophet Muhammad is his messenger and Ali is the friend of Allah' / and so Ali became the first imam.**
- **The prophet appointed him by divine instruction / 'And nor does he (Muhammad) speak from his own desires, it is not but a revelation revealed' (53:3-4).**
- **Imams are descendants of the prophet Muhammad and part of the Ahl al Bayt.**
- **After Ali his son became the imam / each imam that followed was the son of the previous imam (except Husayn ibn Ali who was the brother of Hasan).**
- **Some Shi'as believe there have been twelve imams/ others believe there have been seven / 'Islam will continue to prevail through twelve caliphs.' (hadith) / the last of these is Muhammad-al-Mahdi who will return before the day of judgement with Jesus to bring justice and equality (hadith)**
- **Belief in the imamate is one of the five roots of Usul ad-Din.**
- **The prophet Muhammad said: 'Isa will come down and their leader the Mahdi will say to him: "Come and lead us in prayer." '**
- **Shi'as believe that imams rule justly / and are able to interpret the Qur'an and Shariah without error, etc.**
- **Shi'a Muslims pay a portion of their Khums towards the Imamate, "A fifth of it is for Allah"**

5) 'Muhammad is the only prophet a Muslim should follow' [12 + 3]

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Arguments For:

- **Muhammad is a prophet and belief in prophets or Risalah is really important in Islam / part of the chain of revelation, revealing God's message like messengers.**
- **One of the Articles of Faith**
- **They are an example and a role model for Muslims (due to their obedience and faith)**
- **Muhammad was the latest and greatest prophet who united the tribes of Makkah with the message of monotheism / He restored the Ka'bah and destroyed the idols.**
- **He brought about the shari'ah law, showing how Muslims should live their day-to-day lives.**
- **Quran (holiest book in Islam) revealed to Muhammad**
- **Muslims follow the Hadith which document the life of Muhammad and his actions.**

Arguments Against:

- **Muslims also acknowledge other Prophets: Adam, Ibrahim, Isa, Musa, Nuh etc.**
- **Adam - First man on Earth, created by God from the dust of the ground, he is regarded as the father of the human race and so is treated with great respect("One of His signs is that He created you from dust") - 30:20. God also taught Adam the names of all things, and this knowledge of creation.**
- **Abraham - He is a role model because of his obedience and devotion to God. He fulfilled every test God gave him, so God made him a father of the nation. He tried to persuade everyone to worship the one God and not the idols. He rebuilt the**

**Ka'bah after it was destroyed in Noah's flood. He was also told by God to sacrifice his son - Ismail - as a test, and he passed the test, despite the temptation from Shaytaan. Instead of Ismail being slaughtered, God stopped him and replaced him with a lamb. Muslims remember this event on Eid-ul-Adha.**

- **Moses - He was given the Torah, the revelation of The Law. He gives people the revelation from God on how to be good. He teaches obedience, and the same message of monotheism.**
- **Isa - Jesus is important because he is singled out, again and again in the Qur'an as a prophet of very special significance. Uniquely among prophets he is described as a miracle of God, an 'aya'. Also, it is Jesus who predicts the coming of Muhammad. Jesus is important because the Hadith or Prophetic Tradition of Muhammad (pbuh) depicts him as a figure who will come at the end of days to help bring the world to its end. He can now be said to bracket the era of Islam, standing right at its beginning and right at its end.**

## Islamic Practices

1) Which of these is the Shi'a term for giving 20% of excess wealth to the poor and the imamate? [1]

### **C. Khums**

2) Give two ways in which Eid-ul-Adha is celebrated by Muslims [2]

Any two from: **Going to the mosque / Special Eid Prayer / Visiting Relatives / Giving gifts / wearing good clothes / Eating lots of food / Visiting graveyards / An animal is sacrificed etc.**

3) Explain two contrasting understandings of Jihad [4]

Some points to mention(others may be credited):

- **Greater Jihad – the struggle with weaknesses of character and faith. This includes following Shariah law, carrying out the pillars and practising virtues such as generosity and honesty. Muhammad is said to have called this the greater Jihad 'the effort against oneself' (hadith)**
- **Lesser Jihad – The duty to fight when commanded by a legitimate ruler, under the conditions, and in ways, permitted by Qur'an and Shariah. Qur'an 2:190: 'it must be a defensive war, Muslims should not be the aggressor.'**

4) Explain two events that take place on Hajj and their importance to Muslims. Refer to sacred writings or another source of Muslim belief and teaching in your answer. [5]

Points to mention:

- **Ihram, The state of purity when entering Makkah, wearing white sheets to symbolise the dedication to God.**
- **Tawaf, The first action performed during Hajj, circling the Ka'bah 7 times (anticlockwise), reflecting how Muhammad encircled the Ka'bah when destroying**

the idols. Purify My House for those who perform tawaf and those who are staying [there] for worship and those who bow and prostrate [in prayer]."

- Sa'y, After the tawaf, The pilgrims go from two hills (Safa and Marwa) 7 times, imitating Hagar and Ismail running back and forth for water. This demonstrates their faith in God, knowing that God will take care of them. This is also where a spring of water was provided for them, the water known as Zamzam water, showing that God is always present.
- Mina, Pilgrims then travel to Mina to spend the first night of Hajj.
- Plain of Arafat, Pilgrims stand on this mountain and ask for forgiveness, reflecting Adam and Eve standing before God and asking for forgiveness, where all past sins are forgiven and this is believed to reflect the Day of Judgement.
- Stoning the Jamaras, Pilgrims throw stones at three stones, called the Jamarat/Jamaras, reflecting the three times the Devil tempted Ibrahim to disobey God and not sacrifice Ismail. This is a demonstration of higher Jihad and resisting evil and temptation.
- Eid-ul-Adha, They sacrifice an animal to remember the sacrifice of Ibrahim, showing his obedience and submission to God.
- Hajj is important because: They promote unity between the ummah with the ihram. Example of Higher Jihad, embarking on a difficult journey and in high temperatures. It helps Muslims recall the lives of the prophets, helping them follow them as role models. It is a form of forgiveness and purification.
- Hajj is a pillar of Islam for "those who can afford the expenses"

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#### Arguments in support

- **Muslims bathe before praying Jummah following in the footsteps of prophet Muhammad.**
- **It is more important as it is a weekly gathering that cannot be performed at home.**
- **The Jummah prayer includes a sermon which gives the Imam an opportunity to discuss the issues faced by the congregation.**
- **As Jummah cannot be performed individually it develops the concept of brotherhood as it gives opportunity for people to meet and socialise.**
- **In some Muslim countries Friday is considered a holiday to allow Muslims to attend the mosque and pray Jummah.**
- **The Qur'an specifically instructs Muslims to leave their businesses and attend the mosque**
- **for prayer / 'O you who believe when the call is proclaimed for the Salah on Jummah (Friday), then hasten to the remembrance of Allah and leave off business. That is better for you if you did but know.' (62:9).**
- **The Jummah prayer can be seen as an expiation of the previous week's sins.**
- **It is more important as there are many hadith that warn against the missing of the Jummah prayer, etc.**

#### Arguments in support of other views

- **Salah is part of the 5 pillars and performed daily .**
- **The five daily prayers are more important as they are mentioned more frequently in the Qur'an.**
- **In a hadith the prophet Muhammed said that salah will be the first thing to be questioned on the Day of Judgement, hence showing its importance.**
- **Salah helps to order a person's life and brings about personal discipline.**
- **It is a daily reminder, whereas Jummah is a weekly one.**
- **Both men and women are required to perform salah whereas women don't have to attend Friday prayers etc.**