

AQA A: Religious Studies
Christianity and Islam
PART 2 – Thematic Studies

Exam Questions

In this booklet you will find exam questions for all the topics for paper 1:

- Religion and Life
- Relationships and Families
- Belief in God and Revelation
- Crime and Punishment

For **each of the four topics** you will be required to answer the following style questions

1 mark, 2 mark, 4 mark, 5 mark, 12 mark

On the inside front cover you will find guidance as to how to structure each question, with some sentence starters to help you.

It is **your responsibility** to use this booklet to help you practice exam questions at home. This is **IN ADDITION** to the exam practice we do in class.



1 mark	Select either: A, B, C or D
2 mark	Two bullet points
4 mark	<p>2 paragraphs - both explained in depth</p> <p>In _____ it states....., which means..... This influences Christians because..... Thus in their lives a Christian would.....because.....</p> <p>Furthermore, in _____ it says which implies... This influences Christians because..... Therefore in their lives a Christian would.....because.....</p>
5 mark	<p>2 paragraphs- both explained in depth + EXPLAINED QUOTE</p> <p>In _____ it states....., which means..... This influences Christians because..... Thus in their lives a Christian would.....because.....</p> <p>Similarly / In contrast, in _____ it says which suggests... This influences Christians because..... Therefore in their lives a Christian would.....because.....</p>
12 mark	<p><u>At least 3 paragraphs + Conclusion</u></p> <p>Para 1 – agree point developed with religious knowledge Para 2 – disagree point developed with religious knowledge Para 3 - agree point developed with religious knowledge Para 4 - disagree point developed with religious knowledge</p> <p>Opinion or conclusion with structure from planning sheet My overall opinion is... This is because... Some people may disagree with me and say... However I think they are wrong because... Therefore my opinion is...</p>

Religion and Life

1 mark questions

1) Select the correct answer from a choice of four

You may write the word, or just the corresponding letter

a) Which of the following refers to a Muslim's duty to look after God's creation? [1 mark]

A) Khalifah B) Dominion C) Tawhid D) Jannah

b) Which of the following word suggests that the resource being used is limited? [1 mark]

a) Renewable B) Non-renewable C) Natural D) Extended

c) Which of the following is NOT a method of conserving the world's resources? [1 mark]

A) Recycling B) Deforestation C) Walking rather than driving D) Re-using plastic bags

d) Which of the following refers to the period of waiting that occurs after death and before the Day of Judgement in Islam? [1 mark]

A) Akhirah B) Barzakh C) Eternity D) Jahannam

e) Which of the following type of euthanasia requires the person to request to die? [1 mark]

A) Active B) Passive C) Voluntary D) Involuntary

2 mark questions

2) Write two words or sentences

a) Give two ways that a religious person could carry out the duty of stewardship. [2 marks]

b) Give two religious beliefs about euthanasia. [2 marks]

c) Give two reasons why a woman might want an abortion. [2 marks]

d) Give two reasons why someone might be against abortion. [2 marks]

e) Give two ways that animals are used. [2 marks]

f) Give two causes of pollution. [2 marks]

4 mark questions

3) Give two detailed points. NOTE: if the question asks you to refer to the 'main religious tradition in Great Britain', you must refer to a Christian belief of teaching.

a) Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about the origins of human life. [4 marks]

b) Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about abortion. In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions. [4 marks]

c) Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about euthanasia. [4 marks]

d) Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about the origins of the universe. [4 marks]

e) Explain two contrasting contemporary beliefs in British society about using animals for food. [4 marks]

f) Explain two contrasting contemporary beliefs in British society about animal experimentation. [4 marks]

5 mark questions

4) Give two detailed points and explain a source of authority. This can be a quote from the Bible or the Qur'an. Alternatively it might be a teaching from an authority such as the Pope.

a) Explain two religious beliefs about stewardship. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

b) Explain two religious beliefs about euthanasia. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

c) Explain two religious beliefs about life after death. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

d) Explain two religious beliefs about evolution. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

e) Explain two religious beliefs about eating meat. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

12 mark questions

5) Follow the structure below that you have been practising in class.

<p>This must be the LEAST you do + Conclusion. This may only get you a maximum of 6 marks</p>	<p>State who would <u>agree</u> with statement and why Link to teaching and explain what it means Explain why they have this opinion</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>Who would <u>disagree</u> with this point and the statement? Why? Link to teaching and explain what it means Explain why they have this opinion</p>
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- a) 'Humans have been given dominion, so pollution is not a problem' [12 marks]
- b) 'Abortion is never acceptable' [12 marks]
- c) 'Euthanasia should be made legal' [12 marks]
- d) 'Caring for the environment is the most important thing a Muslim can do' [12 marks]
- e) 'Science has made religious accounts of creation unbelievable' [12 marks]
- f) 'It is cruel to kill animals for food' [12 marks]
- g) 'It does not matter if natural resources run out because scientists will invent something to replace them' [12 marks]
- h) 'There is no proof of the afterlife – once you are dead that's it!' [12 marks]

Relationships and Families

1 mark questions

1) Select the correct answer from a choice of four

You may write the word, or just the corresponding letter

- a) Which of the following refers to methods taken to prevent a pregnancy from occurring? [1 mark]
 - A) Conception B) Reproduction C) Contraception D) Adultery

- b) Which of the following is the name given to the practice in some religions of having more than one wife? [1 mark]
 - A) Contraception B) Bigamy C) Polygamy D) Monogamy

- c) Which of the following means that members of all genders are treated fairly? [1 mark]
 - A) Gender discrimination B) Gender equality
 - C) Gender prejudice D) Sexual stereotyping

- d) Which of the following describes a couple who are living together without being married? [1 mark]

- A) Divorce B) Cohabitation C) Remarriage D) Same-sex marriage

2 mark questions

2) Write two words or sentences

- a) Give two methods of contraception. [2 marks]
- b) Give two religious beliefs about the nature of families. [2 marks]
- c) Give two reasons why people might get divorced. [2 marks]
- d) Give two religious beliefs about the purpose of marriage. [2 marks]
- e) Give two religious beliefs about the roles of men in society. [2 marks]

4 mark questions

3) Give two detailed points. NOTE: if the question asks you to refer to the 'main religious tradition in Great Britain', you must refer to a Christian belief of teaching.

- a) Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about sex before marriage. [4 marks]
- b) Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about homosexuality. In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions. [4 marks]
- c) Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about the use of contraception. [4 marks]
- d) Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about same sex marriage. [4 marks]
- e) Explain two contrasting contemporary beliefs in British society about the nature of families in the 21st century. [4 marks]
- f) Explain two contrasting contemporary beliefs in British society about gender equality. [4 marks]

5 mark questions

4) Give two detailed points and explain a source of authority. This can be a quote from the Bible or the Qur'an. Alternatively it might be a teaching from an authority such as the Pope.

a) Explain two religious beliefs about sex outside marriage. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

b) Explain two religious beliefs about family planning. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

c) Explain two religious beliefs about the purpose of marriage. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

d) Explain two religious beliefs about re-marriage. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

e) Explain two religious beliefs about the roles of men and women. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

12 mark questions

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<p>This must be the LEAST you do</p>	<p>In conclusion, I think the weakest argument isbecause I therefore firmly believe thatbecause..... Consequently, the attitude of Jesus / God may be because</p> <p>Thus,</p>		

- a) 'There is too much sexual freedom in contemporary British society' [12 marks]
- b) 'Adultery is the most serious sin.' [12 marks]
- c) 'Using artificial contraception encourages partners to be unfaithful' [12 marks]
- d) 'A vow made in the presence of God should never be broken' [12 marks]
- e) 'Families in the 21st century do not do enough for their elderly relatives' [12 marks]

f) 'Muslims are right to disapprove of same-sex parenting' [12 marks]

g) 'Christian women should stay at home and look after their children' [12 marks]

h) 'Muslim women have equal rights to Muslim men' [12 marks]

Crime and Punishment

1 mark questions

1) Select the correct answer from a choice of four

You may write the word, or just the corresponding letter

a) Which of the following refers to an act or thought against God? [1 mark]

A) Crime B) Sin C) Punishment D) Judgement

b) Which of the following causes of crime is a result of the person wanting to possess wealth? [1 mark]

A) Greed B) Poverty C) Hate D) Mental illness

c) Which of the following aims of punishment means to put people off committing a crime? [1 mark]

A) Retribution B) Vindication C) Deterrence D) Reformation

d) Which of the following punishments requires prisoners to do unpaid work in the community? [1 mark]

A) Corporal punishment B) Capital punishment C) Prison
D) Community service

e) Which of the following is not a form of punishment in the UK? [1 mark]

A) Corporal punishment B) Capital punishment C) Prison
D) Community service

2 mark questions

2) Write two words or sentences

a) Give two ways that a criminal might be punished in the UK. [2 marks]

b) Give two causes of crime. [2 marks]

- c) Give two religious attitudes towards lawbreakers. [2 marks]
- d) Give two different types of crime. [2 marks]
- e) Give two aims of punishment [2 marks]
- f) Give two religious beliefs about capital punishment. [2 marks]
- g) Give two reasons why someone might show forgiveness towards a criminal. [2 marks]
- h) Give two reasons someone might oppose the death penalty [2 marks]
- i) Give two reasons someone might support corporal punishment [2 marks]

4 mark questions

3) Give two detailed points. NOTE: if the question asks you to refer to the 'main religious tradition in Great Britain', you must refer to a Christian belief of teaching.

- a) Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about whether the death penalty should exist in the UK. [4 marks]
- b) Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about forgiveness. In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain and one or more other religious traditions. [4 marks]
- c) Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about causing suffering to others. [4 marks]
- d) Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about whether retribution is a good form of punishment. [4 marks]
- e) Explain two contrasting contemporary beliefs in British society about theft. [4 marks]
- f) Explain two contrasting contemporary beliefs in British society about addiction as a cause of crime. [4 marks]

5 mark questions

4) Give two detailed points and explain a source of authority. This can be a quote from the Bible or the Qur'an. Alternatively it might be a teaching from an authority such as the Pope.

- a) Explain two religious beliefs about reformation as a form of punishment. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]
- b) Explain two religious beliefs about the death penalty. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

c) Explain two religious beliefs about corporal punishment. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

d) Explain two religious beliefs about forgiveness. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

e) Explain two religious beliefs about inflicting suffering on others. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

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- a) 'It is right to forgive all offenders, regardless of what they have done' [12 marks]
- b) 'There is no reason why anybody should ever commit a crime' [12 marks]
- c) 'Reformation should be the only aim of punishment' [12 marks]
- d) 'Criminals deserve to suffer' [12 marks]
- e) 'No crime ever deserves the death penalty' [12 marks]
- f) 'Prison is the best type of punishment' [12 marks]

Belief in God and Revelation

1 mark questions

1) Select the correct answer from a choice of four

You may write the word, or just the corresponding letter

- a) Which one of the following best expresses the idea that the divine (God, gods or ultimate reality) is all-knowing.
A) Omnipotent B) Omniscient C) Transcendent D) Immanent (1 mark)
- b) Which of the following is a religious theory about how the universe began?
A) The Big Cloud B) Creation C) Collision theory D) Atomic theory (1 mark)
- c) Which of the following mean that God is an individual or person whom people are able to have a relationship.
A) personal nature (of God) B) Transcendent C) Benevolent D) immanent (1 mark)
- d) Which of the following means God making himself known through common human experiences.
A) Nature B) Omnipresent C) general revelation D) scriptures (1 mark)
- e) Which of these is a definition of the supreme, final, fundamental power of all.
A) the divine B) Ultimate reality C) Vision D) enlightenment

2 mark questions

2) Write two words or sentences

- a) Give two types of special revelation. (2 marks)
- b) Give two examples of suffering. (2 marks)
- c) Give two examples of miracles. (2 marks)
- d) Give two types of arguments for God's existence. (2 marks)

e) Give two attributes (titles) given to the nature of God.(2 marks)

4 mark questions

3) Give two detailed points. NOTE: if the question asks you to refer to the 'main religious tradition in Great Britain', you must refer to a Christian belief of teaching.

a) Explain the terms personal and impersonal. (4 marks)

b) Explain religious beliefs about miracles. (4 marks)

c) Explain two contrasting beliefs from contemporary British society about visions. (4 marks)

d) Explain two contrasting beliefs from contemporary British society about miracles (4 marks)

e) Explain two contrasting beliefs from contemporary British society about nature as general revelation. (4 marks)

5 mark questions

4) Give two detailed points and explain a source of authority. This can be a quote from the Bible or the Qur'an. Alternatively it might be a teaching from an authority such as the Pope

a) Explain two religious beliefs about visions. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. (5 marks)

b) Explain different attitudes in contemporary British society to religious visions. You must refer to religious views in your answer. (5 marks)

c) Explain what nature might teach Christians about God. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. (5 marks)

d) Explain using an example what is meant by special revelation. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. (5 marks)

e) Explain, using an example what is meant by 'enlightenment'. Refer to sacred writings and scripture in your answer. (5 marks)

12 mark questions

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- 'The design argument proves that God exists.' (12 marks)
- 'Visions are just illusions'. (12 marks)
- 'God cannot be omniscient if people have free will'. (12 marks)
- 'The First Cause argument proves that God exists'. (12 marks)
- 'God must not exist because of the suffering in the world'. (12 marks)

