AQA A: Religious Studies
Christianity and Islam
PART 1 – The Study of Religions

Exam Questions

In this booklet you will find exam questions for all the topics for paper 1:
- Christianity beliefs and teachings
- Christianity practices
- Islam beliefs and teachings
- Islam practices

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.
Christianity: Beliefs and Teachings

1 mark questions
1) Select the correct answer from a choice of four
You may write the word, or just the corresponding letter [1 mark]
a) Which of the following means that God is all-powerful?
A) Omnibenevolent B) Just C) Omniscient D) Omnipotent

b) Which of the following is NOT part of the Holy Trinity? [1 mark]
A) The Father B) The Mother C) The Son D) The Holy Spirit

c) Which of the following words means to become flesh? [1 mark]
A) Incarnation  B) Resurrection  C) Ascension  D) Baptism

d) Which of the following means that Jesus restored the relationship between God and humanity?  [1 mark]
A) Salvation  B) Grace  C) Atonement  D) Sin

e) Which of the following is a Catholic only belief?  [1 mark]
A) Heaven  B) Hell  C) Judgement  D) Purgatory

2 mark questions
2) Write two words or sentences
a) Give two parts of the Holy Trinity.  [2 marks]
b) Give two roles of the Holy Spirit.  [2 marks]
c) Give two attributes of God.  [2 marks]
d) Give two reasons Christians believe Jesus is the son of God.  [2 marks]
e) Give two religious beliefs about resurrection.  [2 marks]
f) Give two ways someone might be judged on the Day of Judgement.  [2 marks]
g) Give two beliefs about heaven.  [2 marks]
h) Give two beliefs about hell.  [2 marks]
i) Give two ways a Christian might receive salvation.  [2 marks]

4 mark questions
3) Give two detailed points.
a) Explain two ways the belief in the resurrection might influence Christians today.  [4 marks]
b) Explain two ways the belief in the crucifixion might influence Christians today.  [4 marks]
c) Explain two ways the belief in the ascension might influence Christians today.  [4 marks]
d) Explain two ways Christian beliefs about the afterlife might influence Christians today.  [4 marks]
e) Explain two ways the belief in Jesus’ act of atonement might influence Christians today.  [4 marks]
5 mark questions

4) Give two detailed points and explain a source of authority.

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

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

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

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

e) Explain two Christian beliefs about judgement. 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.

a) ‘The resurrection is the most important belief in Christianity’ [12 marks]

b) ‘There is no proof that Jesus is the son of God’ [12 marks]

c) ‘The afterlife is a good way to get Christians to behave themselves’ [12 marks]

d) ‘Salvation is God’s greatest gift to humans’ [12 marks]

e) ‘The stories of the incarnation prove that Jesus is the son of God’ [12 marks]

f) ‘God cannot be omnibenevolent because there is too much suffering in the world’ [12 marks]

Christianity: Practices

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 is the name of worship that follows a set ritual or pattern?  
   [1 mark]
A) Private    B) Non-liturgical    C) Liturgical    D) Charismatic

b) Which of the following words means a ritual through which the believer receives an act of grace?  
   [1 mark]
A) Sacrament    B) Eucharist    C) Baptism    D) Communion

c) Which of the following remembers Jesus’ sacrifice?  
   [1 mark]
A) Baptism    B) Christmas    C) Holy Communion    D) Prayer

d) Which of the following is NOT a site of Christian pilgrimage?  
   [1 mark]
A) Lourdes    B) Mecca    C) Iona    D) Jerusalem

e) Which of the following festivals celebrates Jesus’ resurrection?  
   [1 mark]
A) Easter    B) Christmas    C) Pentecost    D) Mass

f) Which of the following words means to spread the Christian gospel?  
   [1 mark]
A) Missionary    B) Evangelism    C) Prayer    D) Persecution

2 mark questions

2) Write two words or sentences
   a) Give two different types of baptism.  
      [2 marks]

   b) Give two organisations that help persecuted Christians.  
      [2 marks]

   c) Give two ways someone might carry out acts of mission.  
      [2 marks]

   d) Give two examples of the Church helping the local community.  
      [2 marks]

   e) Give two ways a Christian might celebrate Easter.  
      [2 marks]

   f) Give two reasons pilgrimage is important.  
      [2 marks]

   g) Give two features of Eucharist.  
      [2 marks]

   h) Give two ways someone might worship.  
      [2 marks]

4 mark questions

3) Give two detailed points.
   a) Explain two contrasting types of Christian pilgrimage.  
      [4 marks]

   b) Explain two contrasting types of baptism.  
      [4 marks]
c) Explain two contrasting ways Christians might receive Holy Communion. [4 marks]

d) Explain two contrasting ways a Christian might worship. [4 marks]

e) Explain two contrasting examples of missionary. [4 marks]

f) Explain two contrasting Christian festivals. [4 marks]

g) Explain two contrasting ways the Church helps the local community. [4 marks]

h) Explain two contrasting ways Christian charities help the poor in less economically developed countries. [4 marks]

5 mark questions

4) Give two detailed points and explain a source of authority.

a) Explain two reasons Christians pray. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

b) Explain two reasons Christians help persecuted Christians. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

c) Explain two reasons Christians celebrate Christmas. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

d) Explain two reasons Christians get baptised. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

e) Explain two reasons Christians spread the word of God. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

f) Explain two reasons Christians help those living in poverty. 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.

a) ‘Christians do not need to worship in church as long as they pray at home’ [12 marks]

b) ‘Christians should be baptised as adults when they are able to make their own decisions’ [12 marks]

c) ‘Easter is a more important festival than Christmas’. [12 marks]

d) ‘It is more important to help the poor than celebrate Holy Communion’. [12 marks]
e) ‘There is no difference between a pilgrimage and a holiday’ [12 marks]
f) ‘Street Pastors are a great support to the police’ [12 marks]
g) ‘Christians should just rely on evangelists for Church growth’ [12 marks]
h) ‘Every Christian should evangelise’ [12 marks]
i) ‘It is not possible to ‘rejoice and be glad’ if you are suffering from persecution’ [12 marks]
j) ‘Christian charities should just focus on emergency aid’ [12 marks]

Islam: Beliefs and Teachings

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 means the oneness of God? [1 mark]
   A) Tawhid   B) Sawm   C) Sunni   D) Adalat
b) Which of the following means that God is all-loving? [1 mark]
   A) Omnipotent   B) Beneficent   C) Merciful   D) Immanent
c) Which of the following means that God is beyond his creation? [1 mark]
   A) Immanent   B) Transcendent   C) Fairness   D) Tawhid
d) Which of the following is the name of the black cube in Mecca? [1 mark]
   A) Ka’ba   B) Hajj   C) Mina   D) Zam-zam
e) Which of the following refers to the divine appointment of imams? [1 mark]
   A) Caliph   B) Imamate   C) Imam   D) Predestination

2 mark questions

2) Write two words or sentences

a) Give the names of two prophets of Islam. [2 marks]
b) Give two attributes of Allah. [2 marks]
c) Give the names of two angels in Islam. [2 marks]
d) Give two things Muslims do on Hajj. [2 marks]
e) Name two of the Holy Books in Islam. [2 marks]
f) Give two reasons Ibrahim is important. [2 marks]
g) Name two roots of Usul-al-Din. [2 marks]

4 mark questions
3) Give two detailed points.
   a) Explain two ways the belief in prophethood influences Muslims today. [4 marks]
   b) Explain two ways the belief in predestination influences Muslims today. [4 marks]
   c) Explain two ways the belief in angels influences Muslims today. [4 marks]
   d) Explain two ways the belief in tawhid influences Muslims today. [4 marks]
   e) Explain two ways the belief in the imamate influences Muslims today. [4 marks]
   f) Explain two ways the belief in life after death influences Muslims today. [4 marks]

5 mark questions
4) Give two detailed points and explain a source of authority.
   a) Explain two Muslim teachings about the nature of God. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]
   b) Explain two Muslim teachings about Muhammad. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]
   c) Explain two Muslim teachings about angels. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]
   d) Explain two Muslim teachings about the risalah. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]
   e) Explain two Muslim teachings about the Day of Judgement. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]
   f) Explain two Muslim teachings about the Qur'an. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

12 mark questions
5) Follow the structure below we have been practising in class.
a) ‘Tawhid is the most important belief for Muslims’ [12 marks]
b) ’It is easier to understand God as immanent rather than transcendent’ [12 marks]
c) ‘Sunni and Shi’a Muslims have more similarities than differences’ [12 marks]
d) ‘Predestination means that humans have no freedom’ [12 marks]
e) ‘If there is no afterlife there is no point in living a good life’ [12 marks]
f) ‘Islam would not exist without Muhammad’ [12 marks]
g) ‘The Qur’an is the only scripture Muslims need to refer to’ [12 marks]

Islam: Practices

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 is NOT one of the five pillars? [1 mark]
   A) Salah    B) Hajj    C) Khums    D) Zakat

b) Which of the following refers to Friday prayers in Islam? [1 mark]
   A) Jummah    B) Isha    C) Maghrib    D) Fajr

c) Which of the following words means ‘a struggle against evil’ [1 mark]
   A) Tawhid    B) Hajj    C) sawm    D) Jihad

d) Which of the following festivals celebrates the end of Ramadan? [1 mark]
   A) Ashura    B) Eid ul-Adha    C) Eid ul-Fitr    D) Ramadan

2 mark questions
2) Write two words or sentences

a) Give two of the Ten Obligatory Acts for Shi’a Muslims. [2 marks]
b) Give two ways Muslims celebrate Eid ul-Fitr. [2 marks]
c) Give two reasons Hajj is important. [2 marks]
d) Give two examples of greater jihad. [2 marks]
e) Give two reasons zakah is important. [2 marks]
f) Give two things that can be found in a mosque. [2 marks]
g) Give two rituals that Muslims perform during salah. [2 marks]

4 mark questions

3) Give two detailed points.

a) Explain two contrasting understandings of salah. [4 marks]
b) Explain two contrasting understandings of jihad. [4 marks]
c) Explain two contrasting festivals in Islam. [4 marks]
d) Explain two contrasting ways a Muslim might pray. [4 marks]
e) Explain two contrasting ways Id ul-Fitr might be celebrated. [4 marks]

5 mark questions

4) Give two detailed points and explain a source of authority.

a) Explain two Muslim teachings about zakat. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]
b) Explain two religious beliefs about prayer. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]
c) Explain two religious beliefs about Ramadan. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]
d) Explain two religious beliefs about Hajj. Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]
e) Explain two religious beliefs about jihad. 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.

a) ‘Greater jihad is more important than lesser jihad’ [12 marks]
b) ‘All Muslims should go on Hajj at least once in their lifetime’ [12 marks]
c) ‘Shi’a Muslims do more for charity than Sunni Muslims’ [12 marks]
d) ‘You are not a real Muslim unless you fast during Ramadan’ [12 marks]
e) ‘Salah is the most important of the five pillars’ [12 marks]
f) ‘Shahadah is the most important of the five pillars’ [12 marks]
g) ‘Muslims should only pray in a mosque’ [12 marks]
h) ‘It is easier to fast in Muslim countries compared to the UK’ [12 marks]