

Subject:

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Exam board

AQA 8062

and overall exam code:

Exam contents:

Paper/module no.	Length	Content	Exam date	Percentage of overall GCSE
Component 1: The Study of Religions	1hr 45 min	Christianity: Beliefs and Teachings, Islam: Beliefs and Teachings, Christianity: Practices, Islam: Practices	MON 14 MAY 1.30 PM	50%
Component 2: Thematic Studies	1hr 45 min	Existence of God & Revelation, Peace & Conflict, Religion & Life, Crime & Punishment	WEDS 16 MAY 1.30PM	50%

Revision topics

1. See list of topics below
2. Learn key terms for all 8 sections.
3. Learn appropriate quotations/evidence.
4. Practise writing answers under timed conditions. Approximately 25 minutes for each section (unless you have extra time and so increase this time accordingly).
5. Remember:
 1. Multiple choice – 1 mark. (1 minute)
 2. Short answers – bullet point where possible – 2 marks. (2 minutes)
 3. Two paragraphs (2-3 sentences per paragraph) with subheadings for each – 4 marks (5 minutes)
 4. Two paragraphs (2-3 sentences per paragraph) with subheadings for each and at least one supporting quote/piece of evidence – 5 marks (5 minutes)
 5. Response to statement, essay answer with at least 3 paragraphs, must argue both for and against the statement and consider religious views. Must give personal opinion (12-15 minutes)
e.g.
Christians/Muslims may agree because...
However, some Christians/Muslims may disagree because...
Atheists may say....
I believe...

Exam advice

1. Read the paper carefully.
2. Plan your time well.
3. Finish all parts of a question.
4. Give subject specific examples and refer to quotes and evidence for Q4 and 5.
5. Only answer the topics you have studied.

Component 1: Christian Beliefs and Teachings

Key words – Ascension, Atonement, Blasphemy, Catholic, Day of Judgement, Denomination, Grace, Holy Spirit, Incarnation, Justice, Monotheistic, Omnibenevolent, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Omniscient, Original Sin, Orthodox, Protestant, Purgatory, Resurrection, Salvation, Satan, Sin, The ‘Word’, Trinity

Topics:

1. The History of Christianity
2. The Nature of God
3. The Trinity
4. Creation
5. The Problem of Evil
6. Solutions to the Problem of Evil
7. Jesus
8. The Crucifixion and Resurrection
9. Heaven and Hell
10. Judgement
11. The Salvation Story

Quote Bank:

Nature of God

“You shall have no other gods before me” Exodus 20:3 (10 Commandments)

“Nothing is impossible with God” Luke 1:37

“God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16

“Love is patient, love is kind...love never fails” 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

The Nicene Creed

Creation

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...and God said ‘let there be light’, and there was light” Genesis 1:1-3

“Through [God] all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made” John 1:1-3

“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good” Genesis 1:31

Jesus

“...Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit” Matthew 1:18

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” John 1:14

“When Jesus was baptised, a voice from Heaven said ‘You are my Son’” Mark 1:11

“Surely this man was the Son of God!” Mark 15:39

“While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven” Luke 24:51

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)

Judgement/Soul

“If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body” 1 Corinthians 15:44

“I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me” John 14:6

“[Jesus] will come to judge the living and the dead... I believe in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting” The Apostle’s Creed

“He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left” Matthew 25

Salvation

The story of Adam and Eve (Genesis 1-3)

“For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life” Romans 6:23

“For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive” St Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:21

Component 1: Muslim Beliefs and Teachings

Key words — Akhirah, Allah, Barzakh, Beneficent, Caliph, Day of Judgement, Hajj, Iblis, Imam, Imamate, Immanent, Jibril, Justice, Ka’aba, Merciful, Mika’il, Monotheistic, Omnipotent, Predestination, Prophet, Qur’an, Resurrection, Risalah, Shi’a, Sunnah, Sunni, Supremacy, Tawhid, Transcendent

Topics:

1. The Prophet Muhammad
2. Prophethood
3. Adam and Ibrahim
4. Who is God?
5. The Nature of God
6. Sunni and Shi’a
7. Angels
8. Predestination
9. Life After Death
10. Islamic Holy Books

Quote Bank:

Allah

“He is God the One, God the eternal. He begot no one nor was He begotten. No one is comparable to him” Qur’an 112:1-4

“Misfortunes can only happen with God’s permission” Qur’an 64:11

“The Most Excellent Names belong to God: use them to call on Him” Qur’an 7:180

“He is with you wherever you are” Qur’an 57:4

“...there is no God but Him, the creator of all things...He is in charge of all things” Qur’an 6:102-103

Moral Behaviour

“You who believe, obey God and the Messenger” Qur’an 4:59

The Six Articles of Faith (Sunni Islam)

The Five Roots of Usul ad-Din (Shi’a Islam)

Angels

“Praise be to God.... who made angels messengers with two, three, four pairs of wings” Qur’an 35:1

“Each person has angels before him and behind, watching over him by God’s command” Qur’an 13:11

Afterlife

“The record of the guilty’s deeds will be laid open...they will find everything they ever did laid in front of them” Qur’an 18:49

“Only what God has decreed will happen to us” Qur’an 9:51

“Those who believe, do good deeds, keep up the prayer, and pay the prescribed alms will have their reward with God” Qur’an 2:277

“On couches of well-woven cloth they will sit facing each other reward for what they used to do” Qur’an 56:15-24

“They will dwell amid scorching wind and scalding water...neither cool nor refreshing” Qur’an 56:42-44

Propethood

“Every community is sent a messenger” Qur’an 10:47

“He first created man from clay, then He moulded him; He breathed from His spirit into him; He gave you hearing, sight and minds” Qur’an 32:7&9

“He taught Adam all the names of things...” Qur’an 2:31-32

“Muhammad...is God’s messenger and the seal of the prophets” Qur’an 33:40

The Qur’an

“This is the scripture in which there is no doubt, containing guidance for those who are mindful of God” Qur’an 2:2

Component 1: Christian Practises

Key words - Liturgical Worship, Non-liturgical Worship, Nonconformist, Sacraments, Protestant, Believer's Baptism, Infant Baptism, Holy Communion, Eucharist, Pilgrimage, Agape, The Great Commission, Missionary, Evangelism, Pentecost, Convert, Reconciliation, Persecution

Topics:

1. Worship
2. Prayer
3. Baptism
4. Holy Communion
5. Pilgrimage
6. Festivals
7. Community Work
8. Mission and Evangelism
9. Christianity Around the World
10. Christian Persecution

Quote Bank:

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-8)

Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane (Mark 14:32-36)

Baptism

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" Matthew 28:19

Holy Communion

"This is my body, which is for you, do this in remembrance of me....for whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Pilgrimage

"...I saw a lady dressed in white, wearing a white dress, a blue girdle and a yellow rose on each foot" St Bernadette

Festivals

"Father, you make this holy night radiant with the splendour of Jesus Christ our light. We welcome him as Lord, the true light of the world" Opening prayer at the Catholic Midnight Mass at Christmas

“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death...” Orthodox Hymn from the Easter Divine Liturgy

Role of the Church

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...” Matthew 25:35-36

“And God placed all things under Jesus’ feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body” Ephesians 1:22-23

“Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead” James 2:17

“Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth” 1 John 3:17-18

Parable of the Rich Fool

Parable of the Good Samaritan

Forgiveness

“For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through life!” Romans 5:10

Persecution

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” Matthew 5:10-12

“If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also” Matthew 5:39

“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it” 1 Corinthians 12:26

Component 1: Muslim Practices

Key words — The Five Pillars, Ten Obligatory Acts, Shahadah, Salah, Wudu, Mihrab, Qiblah Wall, Rak’ah, Recitation, Prostration, Jummah, Ramadan, Fasting, Night of Power, Zakah, Sadaqah, Khums, Hajj, Ka’aba, Greater Jihad, Lesser Jihad, Holy War, Id-ul-Fitr, Id-ul-Adha, Day of Ashura

Topics:

1. The Five Pillars
2. The Ten Obligatory Acts
3. Shahadah
4. Salah
5. Zakah
6. Sawm
7. Hajj
8. Jihad
9. Id-ul-Fitr and Id-ul-Adha
10. Ashura

Quote Bank:

Shahadah

“There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah”

Salah

“You who believe, when you are about to pray, wash your faces and your hands up to the elbows, wipe your heads, wash your feet up to the ankles and, if required, wash your whole body” Qur’an 5:6

“So woe to those who pray but are heedless of their prayer” Qur’an 107:4-5

“Your Lord says ‘Call on Me and I will answer you” Qur’an 40:60

“Believers! When the call to the prayer is made on the day of congregation, hurry towards the reminder of God and leave off your trading” Qur’an 62:9

Ramadan

“It was in the month of Ramadan that the Qur’an was revealed as guidance for mankind...So any one of you who is present that month should fast” Qur’an 2:18

“What will explain to you what the Night of Glory is? The Night of Glory is better than a thousand months” Qur’an 97:2-3

Zakah

“God is well aware of whatever good you do” Qur’an 2:215

“Alms are means only the poor, the needy...” Qur’an 9:60

Haji

“Pilgrimage to the House is a duty owed to God by people who are able to undertake it” Qur’an 3:97

Jihad

“This is my path, leading straight, so follow it...” Qur’an 6:153

“God is most forgiving and merciful” Qur’an 2:218

Component 2: Existence of God and Revelation

Key words — Theist, Atheist, Agnostic, Eternal, Miracle, Faith, Ultimate Reality, The Divine, Special Revelation, Vision, Enlightenment, General Revelation, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Benevolent, Immanent, Transcendent

Topics:

1. The Design Argument
2. The First Cause Argument
3. The Argument from Miracles

4. The Argument from Faith
5. Challenges to God's Existence
6. Special Revelation
7. General Revelation
8. The Impact of Revelation
9. Ideas About the Divine

Quote Bank:

Arguments for God's Existence

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth....God said 'Let there be light', and there was light" Genesis 1:1

"We built the skies with Our power and made them vast..." Qur'an 51:47

"The universe appears to have been designed as everything seems to have a purpose or is extremely complex" William Paley (1802)

"In the absence of any other proof, the thumb alone would convince me of God's existence"
Isaac Newton

"Therefore it is necessary to admit a first cause, to which everyone gives the name of God" St Thomas Aquinas

"The big bang...does not contradict the divine act of creation...[God] created beings and let them develop according to internal laws which he gave every one..." Pope Francis 2014
Miracles: Muhammad's ascent into heaven, Jesus walks on water, The Lucky Choir,
Stairwell B, Marie Bailly

Special Revelations

Saul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-19), St Bernadette of Lourdes, Prophet Muhammad in the cave, The Buddha's Enlightenment, Muhammad's visit from Jibril on the Night of Power, Moses and the 10 Commandments

"When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams" Numbers 12:6

"The argument from religious experience is most convincing to those who claim to have had one. But it is the least convincing to anyone else, especially anyone knowledgeable about psychology" Richard Dawkins

"If we are gullible, we don't recognise hallucination or lucid dreaming for what it is and we claim to have seen or heard a ghost; or an angel; or God" Richard Dawkins

General Revelations

"The heavens declare the glory of the Lord..." Psalm 19:1-4

"It is He who spread out the earth, placed firm mountains and rivers on it, and made two of every kind of fruit; He draws the veil of night over the day. There truly are signs in this for people who reflect" Qur'an 13:3

"This is the scripture in which there is no doubt, containing guidance for those who are mindful to God" (Qur'an 2:2)

Nature of God

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son" John 3:16

"You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar" Psalm 139:1-2

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” John 1:14

“Only what God has decreed will happen to us...” Qur’an 9:51

“He is with you wherever you are” Qur’an 57:4

“He is God the one, God the eternal...No one is comparable to Him” Qur’an 112:1-4

Component 2: Peace and Conflict

Key words — Justice, Reconciliation, Protest, Terrorism, Retaliation, Nuclear Weapons, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Chemical Weapons, Biological Weapons, Just War, Holy War, Pacifism, Lesser Jihad, Greater Jihad

Topics:

1. Protest and Terrorism
2. Reasons for War
3. Nuclear War
4. Weapons of Mass Destruction
5. Just War Theory
6. Violence in the Name of God
7. Pacifism
8. War Victims

Quote Bank:

Conflict

“He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples.” Isaiah 2:4

“The purpose of terrorism lies not just in the violent act itself. It is in producing terror. It sets out to inflame, to divide...” Tony Blair

“For the love of money is the root of all evil” 1 Timothy 6:10

“...life for a life, eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth...” Exodus 21:23-24

“Faith groups in the UK are united in their conviction that any use of nuclear weapons would violate the sanctity of life...” Steve Hucklesby

“Those who have been attacked are permitted to take up arms because they have been wronged – God has the power to help them” Qur’an 22:39

“If you have to respond to an attack make your response proportionate, but it is best to stand fast” Qur’an 16: 126

“Know that the evil of war is swift, and its taste bitter” Hadith

“To anyone who fights in God’s way, whether killed or victorious, We shall give great reward” Qur’an 4:74

Peace

“...all who draw the sword die by the sword” Jesus in Matthew 26:52

“But I tell you anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgement”
Matthew 5:21-22

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God” Matthew 5:9

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil...live at peace with everyone” Romans 12:17-19

“If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also” Matthew 5:39

“Do not kill each other, for God is merciful to you” Qur’an 4:29

“Do not take life, which God has made sacred” Qur’an 17:33

“Whoever saved a life, it would be as if they saved the life of all mankind” Qur’an 5:32

Component 2: Religion and Life

Key words — Fundamentalist Christians, Liberals, Big Bang, Evolution, Wonder, Awe, Stewardship, Dominion, Environment, Natural Resources, Khalifah, Ensoulment, Non-renewable Resources, Deforestation, Renewable Energy, Vegan, Vegetarian, Adaptation, Sanctity of Life, Quality of Life, Active Euthanasia, Passive Euthanasia, Barzakh, Jannah, Jahannam, Akhirah, Abortion, Eternity

Topics:

1. How did the universe begin?
2. The origins of human life
3. How should we treat our world?
4. The environment
5. How should we use animals?
6. Sanctity of Life
7. When does life begin and end?
8. Can abortion be justified?
9. Should euthanasia be legalised?
10. Is death the end?

Quote Bank:

Creation

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” Genesis 1:1

“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made...” Romans 1:20

“Your Lord is God, who created the heavens and earth in six days...all creation belongs to him” Qur’an 7:54

Environment

“Vegetation comes out of good land in abundance, by the will of its Lord” Qur’an 7:58

“Be fruitful and increase in number...rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air...”

Genesis 1:28

“It is he who has made you successors on the earth” Qur’an 6:165

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it” Psalm 21:1

“It is to God that everything in the heavens and earth belongs” Qur’an 4:126

“Every human act of irresponsibility towards creatures is an abomination” Christian

Statement – Assisi Declaration

“Every single Muslim that cultivates or plants anything of which humans, animals or birds may eat from us counted as charity towards them on his behalf” Hadith

“Eat and drink but do not be extravagant” Qur’an 7:31

“Do not seek from it more than you need” Hadith

Animals

Noah’s Ark

“Everything that lives and moves will be food for you” Genesis 9:3

“The righteous care for the needs of their animals” Proverbs 12:10

“The one who eats everything [meat] must not treat with contempt the one who does not”

Romans 14:3

“Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God” Luke 12:6

“Whoever kills a sparrow or anything bigger than that without a just cause, God will hold him accountable” Hadith

“All creatures that crawl on the earth and those that fly are communities like yourselves”

Qur’an 6:38

Sanctity of Life

“So God created mankind in his own image...” Genesis 1:27

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you”

“...you knit me together in my mother’s womb” Psalm 139:13-14

“You were lifeless and He gave you life” Qur’an 2:28

“You shall not murder” Exodus 20:13

“If anyone kills a person (unless in retribution) it is as if he kills all mankind” Qur’an 5:32

“Do not kill your children for fear of poverty – we shall provide for them and for you”

Qur’an 17:31

“No soul may die except with God’s permission at a predestined time” Qur’an 3:145

“There is...a time to be born and a time to die” Ecclesiastes 3

“All people deserve compassion and care in their suffering and dying” The Salvation Army

“Blessed are the merciful” Matthew 5:7

Afterlife

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him shall not die but have eternal life” John 3:16

“Those whose good deeds weigh heavy will be successful, but those whose balance is light will have lost their souls forever and stay in hell” Qur’an 23:102-103

Component 2: Crime and Punishment

Key words — Intention, Shari’ah Law, Hate Crimes, Retribution, Deterrence, Reformation, Free Will, Corporal Punishment, Death Penalty, Sanctity of Life, Principle of Utility

Topics:

1. Reasons for crime
2. Religious attitudes to crime
3. Aims of punishment
4. The death penalty
5. Religious attitude to punishment
6. Religious responses to suffering
7. Religious responses to forgiveness

Quote Bank:

Treatment of Criminals

“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established” Romans 13:1

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus” Galatians 3:28

“For...I was in prison and you came to visit me...” Matthew 25:34-36

Jesus healed the soldier’s ear (Luke 22:50-51)

“Spares the rod, spoil the child” Proverbs 13:24

“I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn away from their ways and live” Ezekial 33:11

“Those who do not judge according to what God has revealed are doing grave wrong” Qur’an 5:45

“God commands justice and prohibits wrongdoing” Qur’an 16:90

“The spirit and essence of Islamic Law is to save lives, stop corruption, disallow mischief, serve justice, build a safer society...” Faysal Burhan

Retribution

“...life for a life, eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth...” Exodus 21:23-25

“...anyone who murders will be subject to judgement” Matthew 5:21-22

“Do not take revenge...but leave room for God’s wrath...if your enemy is hungry, feed him...do not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” Romans 12:19-21

“Whoever sheds blood, by humans shall their blood be shed” Genesis 9:6

“We prescribed for them a life for a life, an eye for an eye...an equal wound for a wound: if anyone forgoes this out of charity, it will serve as atonement for his bad deeds” Qur’an 5:45

“Cut off the hands of thieves, whether they are man or woman, as punishment for what they have done – a deterrent from God” Qur’an 5:38

“Do not take life, which God has made sacred, except by right” Qur’an 6:151

Attitudes to Suffering

- “...suffering produces perseverance, character, hope...” Romans 5:3-4
- “We are never really happy until we try to brighten the lives of others” Helen Keller
- “Focusing on poverty and sacrificing for the poor are the heart of the gospel” Pope Francis
- “Be compassionate towards the destitute” Hadith

Forgiveness

- “Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us” The Lord’s Prayer
- We should forgive ‘seventy times seven’ (Jesus – Matthew 18:21-22)
- “Father forgive them, they know not what they do” Luke 23:34
- “Society can only benefit from the rehabilitation of those convicted of crimes” Pope Francis speaking against the death penalty
- “...let them pardon and forgive. Do you not wish that God should forgive you? God is most forgiving and merciful” Qur’an 24:22