

Paper 1: The Study of Religions | Beliefs and Practices

1 hour 45 minute exam
50% of the GCSE
96 marks (+6 marks for SPaG)

Component 1: Christianity | Beliefs and Practices

Spend 50 minutes on the Christianity component
25% of the qualification
48 marks (+3 marks for SPaG)

Component 1: Islam | Beliefs and Practices

Spend 50 minutes on the Islam component
25% of the qualification
48 marks (+3 marks for SPaG)

1. Key Beliefs

- 1.1 Intro: A Brief History of Christianity
- 1.2 The Nature of God: God as Omnipotent, Loving, and Just
- 1.3 The Problem of Evil and Suffering
- 1.4 The Oneness of God and the Trinity
- 1.5 Different Christian Beliefs About Creation
- 1.6 Different Christian Beliefs About the Afterlife

1. Key Beliefs

- 1.1 Intro: A Brief History of Islam
- 1.2 The Six Articles of Faith in Sunni Islam
- 1.3 The Five Roots of Usul ad-Din in Shi'ia Islam
- 1.4 Tawhid (The Oneness of God)
- 1.5 The Nature of God: Omnipotence, Beneficence, Mercy, Immanence, Transcendence, & Adalat (Justness)
- 1.6 Angels
- 1.7 Predestination & Human Freedom
- 1.8 Akhirah (Life After Death)

2. Jesus Christ and Salvation

- 2.1 The Nature of Jesus: Jesus the Incarnation and Son of God
- 2.2 Jesus Christ: His Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension
- 2.3 Sin
- 2.4 Salvation

2. Authority

- 2.1 Risallah (Prophethood)
- 2.2 Holy Books: The Qur'an
- 2.3 Holy Books: The Psalms, Gospel, and Scrolls of Abraham
- 2.4 The Imamate in Shi'ia Islam

3. Worship and Festivals

- 3.1 Different forms of Christian worship
- 3.2 Prayer
- 3.3 The Sacraments: Baptism & Holy Communion
- 3.4 Pilgrimage: Lodes and Iona
- 3.5 Celebrations: Christmas & Easter

3. Worship

- 3.1 The Five Pillars of Sunni Islam
- 3.2 The Ten Obligatory Acts in Shi'ia Islam
- 3.3 Shahadah (the Declaration of Faith)
- 3.4 Salah (Prayer)

4. The Church

- 4.1 The Church in the Local Community: Street Pastors & Food Banks
- 4.2 Mission and Evangelism
- 4.3 The Worldwide Church: Working for Reconciliation
- 4.4 The Worldwide Church: Responding to Persecution
- 4.5 The Worldwide Church: CAFOD/Christian Aid/Tearfund

4. Duties and Festivals

- 4.1 Sawm (Fasting)
- 4.2 Zakah (Almsgiving)
- 4.3 Hajj (Pilgrimage)
- 4.4 Jihad (Struggle)
- 4.5 Celebrations: Id-UI-Adha, Id-UI-Fitr, Ashura

Paper 2A: Thematic Studies

1 hour 45 minute exam
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Theme A: Relationships and Families	Theme D: Peace and Conflict	Theme E: Crime and Punishment	Theme F: Human Rights and Social Justice
Spend 25 minutes on this theme 12.5% of the qualification 24 marks	Spend 25 minutes on this theme 12.5% of the qualification 24 marks	Spend 25 minutes on this theme 12.5% of the qualification 24 marks	Spend 25 minutes on this theme 12.5% of the qualification 24 marks
<u>1. Sex, Marriage, and Divorce</u>	<u>1. Violence, Terrorism, and War</u>	<u>1. Crime</u>	<u>1. Human Rights and Religion</u>
1.1 Beliefs about Sex 1.2 Purpose & Nature of Marriage 1.3 Divorce and Re-Marriage	1.1 Protest 1.2 Terrorism 1.3 War 1.4 Just War 1.5 Holy War 1.6 WMD 1.7 Pacifism	1.1 Causes of Crime 1.2 Christian Beliefs about Crime 1.3 Muslim Beliefs about Crime	1.1 Human Rights and Responsibilities 1.2 Freedom of Religion and Religious Expression 1.3 Social Justice and Religion 1.4 Racism and Religion 1.5 Prejudice and Religion
<u>2. Families and Gender</u>	<u>2. Religion in 21st Century Conflict</u>	<u>2. Punishment</u>	<u>2. Wealth and Poverty</u>
2.1 Contraception and Family Planning 2.2 Purpose and Nature of Families 2.3 Gender and Gender Roles	2.1 Northern Ireland 2.2 The Middle East 2.3 ISIS 2.4 Religion as Peacemaker 2.5 Religious Responses to Victims of War	2.1 Purpose of Punishment 2.2 Punishment in the UK 2.3 Christian Beliefs about Punishment 2.4 Muslim Beliefs about Punishment 2.5 The Death Penalty	2.1 Religious Attitudes to Wealth and Money 2.2 Exploitation: Fair Pay, Interest, People Trafficking 2.3 Charity 2.4 Responsibilities of the Poor