

**Paper I – AQA Religious Studies Work Booklet**  
**Christian Beliefs and Practices and Islam Beliefs and Practices**



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## Section 1

**Keywords** - This section focuses on the keywords you will see in the Paper 1 section. You need to write the **full definition clearly and neatly** as the first two examples show.

### Islamic Beliefs Keywords:

Keyword	Definition
Tawhid	The Oneness of God
Taqwa	God-consciousness (being mindful of God)
Sabr	
Usul-ad-Din	
Immanent	
Transcendent	
Omnipotent	
Adalat (Shia Islam)	
Predestination	
Akhirah	
Barzakh	
Jannah	
Jahannam	
Risalah	
Imamate	
Tawrat	
Zabur	

Injil	
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**Islamic Practices Keywords:**

Keyword	Definition
Ten Obligatory Acts	Ten religious practices to defend the faith, specific to Shia Muslims, including the Imamate.
Shahadah	The declaration of faith in Islam.
Salah	
Wudu	
Mihrab	
Qiblah wall	
Prostration	
Jummah prayer	
Ramadan	
Laylat al Qadr	
Zakah	
Khums	
Sadaqah	
Hajj	
Jihad	
Greater jihad	
Lesser jihad	
Eid-ul-Fitr	

Eid-ul-Adha	
Ashura	

**Christian Beliefs Keywords:**

Keywords	Definition
Orthodox	A traditional Christian Church, originating in the East.
Roman Catholic	A traditional Christian Church based in the West, with the Pope as authority.
Protestant	
Monotheism	
Benevolent	
Agape	
The Holy Trinity	
Incarnation	
Resurrection	
Blasphemy	
Crucifixion	
Ascension	
Day of Judgement	
Purgatory	
Original sin	
Salvation	
Grace	
Atonement	

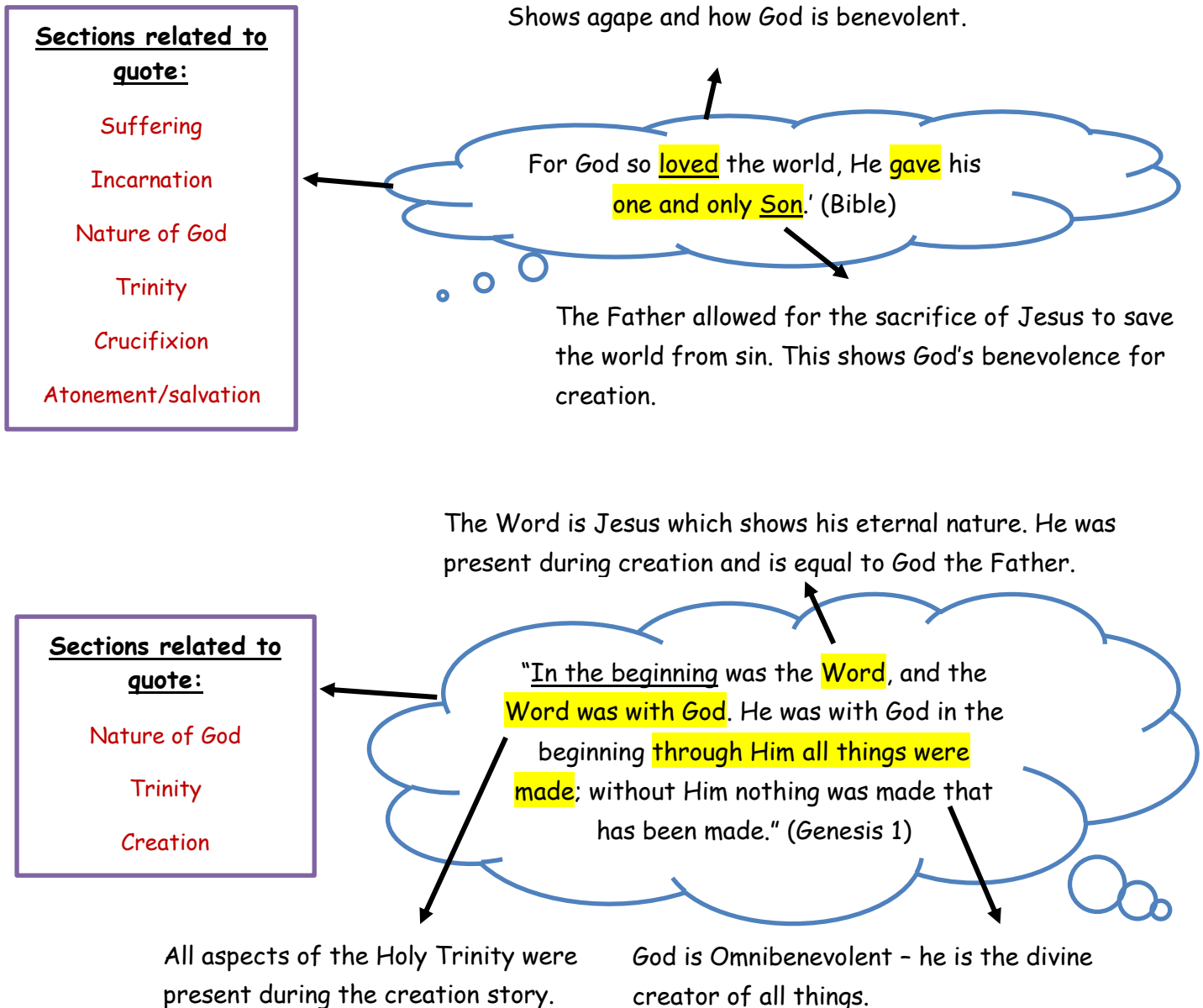
**Christian Practices Keywords:**

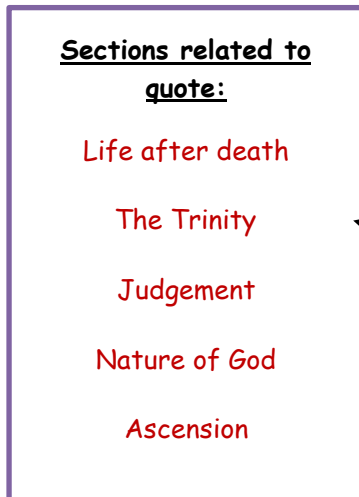
Keywords	Definitions
Liturgical worship	The most structured form of worship, with a regular pattern.
Non-liturgical worship	A less structured form of worship, may involving changing the order of the service, e.g. sermon, prayers, the Eucharist.
Informal worship	
Private worship	
Non-conformists	
Lord's Prayer	
Sacrament	
Infant baptism	
Believers' baptism	
Holy Communion (Eucharist)	
Divine liturgy	
Catholic mass	
Pilgrimage	
Christmas	
Easter	
The Great Commission	
Missionary	
Evangelism	
Discipleship	
Reconciliation	
Persecution	

## Section 2

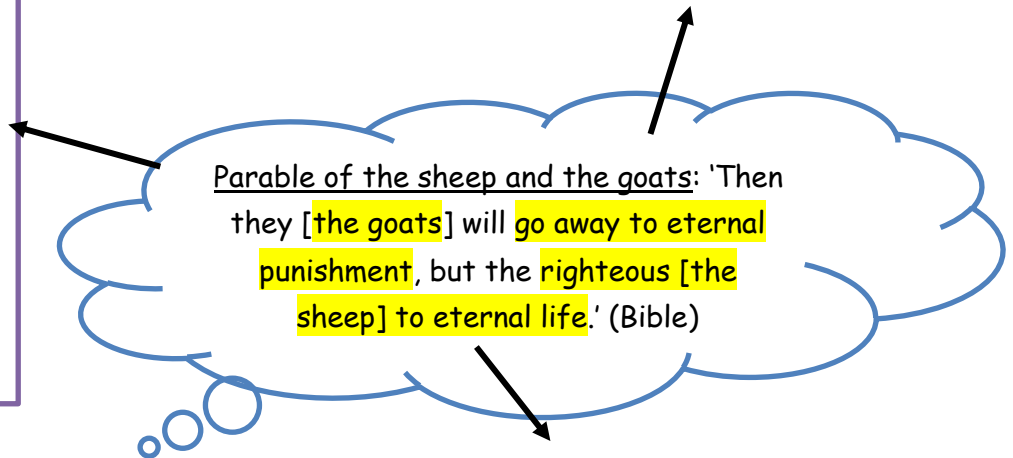
**Quotes:** This section targets key quotes you need to memorise for the exam. In 12-mark answers, **breaking down and explaining what quotes mean in your own words, shows that you understand them.** Annotate the quotes like shown in the examples below, stating which topic they relate to. It will be more than one topic.

### Christian Beliefs:





Those who do not follow Jesus' path of feeding the poor, helping the sick etc will be punished in Hell.



Those who follow Jesus as a shepherd by carrying out his actions will be rewarded in heaven.

Now it's your turn!

<u>Quote</u>	<u>Analyse the quote</u>	<u>Section it connects to</u>
"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." (Bible)		Holy Trinity Creation
"This is my Son with whom I am well pleased." (Bible)		
"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling amongst us." (Bible)		
"Surely this man was the Son of God!" (Bible)		
"Forgive them Father for they know not what they do." (Bible)		
"While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven." (Bible)		Ascension Crucifixion

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes and death shall be no more." (Bible)		
"and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Bible)		
"For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Bible)		Life after Death Sin and salvation
"...she was found pregnant through the Holy Spirit." (Bible)		
"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Bible)		

### Christian Practices:

#### Sections related to quote:

Role of church in the local community

Evangelism

Church response to world poverty

Christians are influenced to help within the local community and helping in food banks and charities.

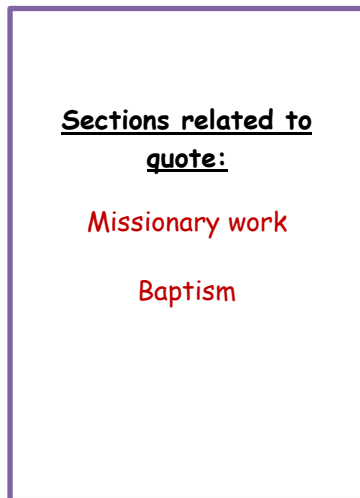
Those who follow Jesus' teaching of feeding the poor, helping the sick etc will be rewarded in Heaven.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...I was in prison and you came to visit me."

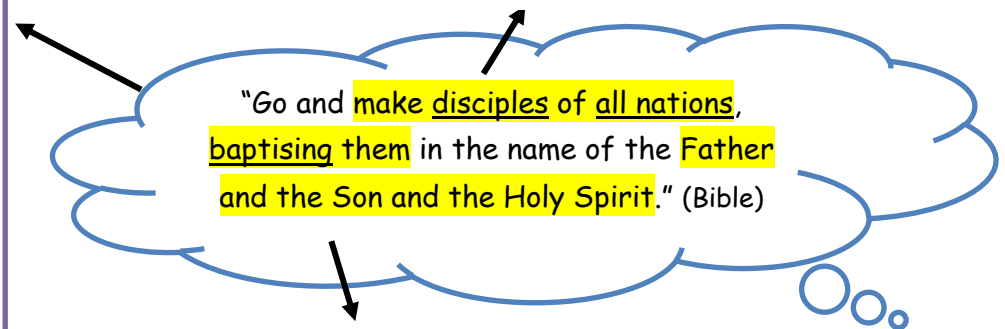
Evangelism - some Christians might visit prisoners to spread the message of Jesus.

This is achieving God's grace through work/action.

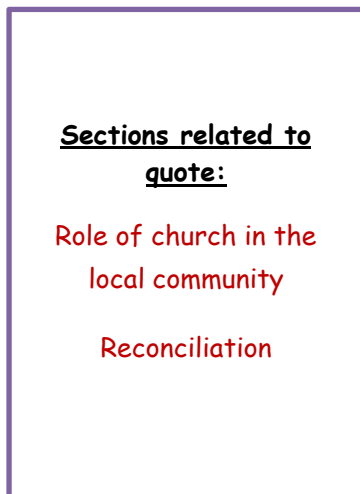




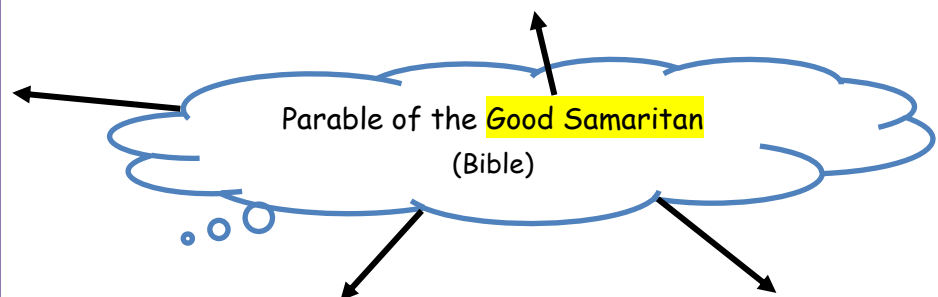
Great Commission - Jesus instructed his follows to spread his teachings to all nations - not just the local community.



These are the last words Jesus preached to his disciples showing the importance of baptism as Jesus set the example for them.



This Parable shows Christians to love everyone, even your enemies.



The parable ends with Jesus instructing his disciples to do as the Samaritan did and help his neighbour.

Agape - unconditional love for all of God's creation. Street pastors try to show this by helping people in need.

Now it's your turn!

<u>Quote</u>	<u>Analyse the quote</u>	<u>Section it connects to</u>
"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...Give us today our daily bread..." (The Lord's Prayer)		
"This is my body, which is for you, do this in remembrance of me." (Bible)		

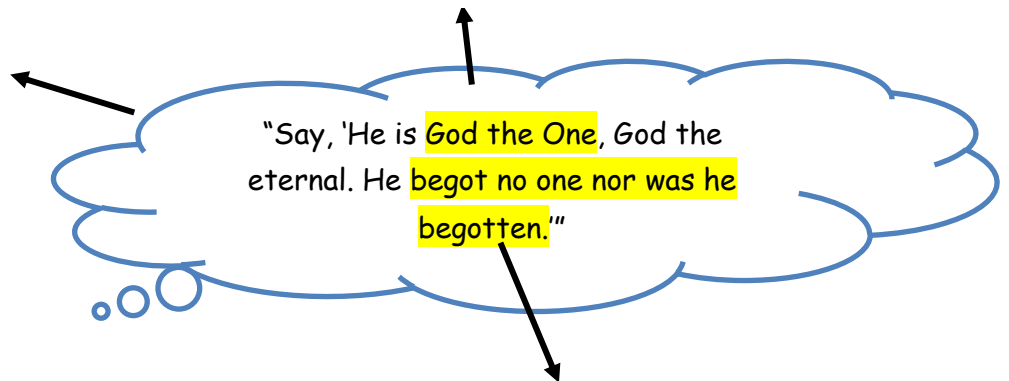
"Father, you make this holy night radiant with the splendour of Jesus Christ our light." (Opening prayer in catholic mass at Christmas)		
"For I was hungry and you have me something to eat." (Bible)		Role of church in local community
"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." (Bible)		
"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 his life." (Bible)		
"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Bible)		
"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Bible)		Persecution Reconciliation
"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?" (Bible)		

## Islamic beliefs:

### Sections related to quote:

Nature of God  
The use of prophets

This shows the belief in Tawhid - belief in One God. This influences Muslims not to commit Shirk which is considered an unforgiveable sin.

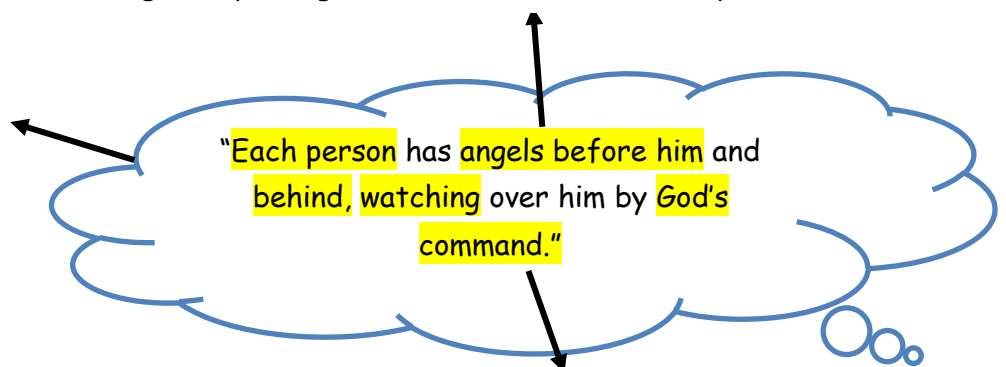


Muslims do not believe God had a son like Christians proclaim. Therefore, Muslims need prophets to deliver God's message of One God.

### Sections related to quote:

Angels  
Life after death

Influences Muslims to display good deeds in their daily life to avoid the angels reporting back to God on the sins they have committed.

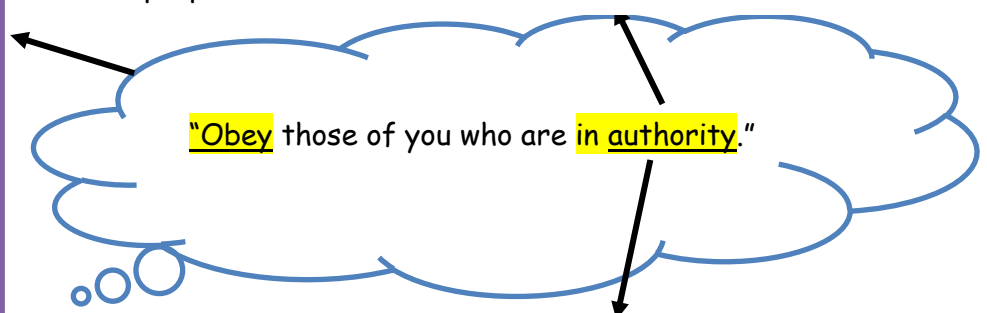


Might give some Muslims a sense of comfort that there are angels watching over them.

### Sections related to quote:

Imamate

Sunni Muslims: those in authority could refer to the Caliphs after the prophet's death.



Shia Muslims: those in authority could refer to the imams - those who come from the bloodline of Prophet Muhammad and Ali.

<u>Quote</u>	<u>Analyse the quote</u>	<u>Section it connects to</u>
"There is no God but Him, the Creator of all things, so worship him; He is in charge of everything." (Qur'an)		
"This is the Scripture in which there is no doubt, containing guidance for those who are mindful of God." (Qur'an)		Holy books
"Praise be to God, Creator of the heavens and earth, who made angels messengers with two, three four [pairs of] wings." (Qur'an)		
"Only what God has decreed will happen to us." (Qur'an)		Predestination
"God does not change the condition of a people [for the worse] unless they change what is in themselves." (Qur'an)		
"They will dwell amid scorching wind and scalding fire..." (Qur'an)		
"He first created man from clay... Then He moulded him; He breathed from His Spirit into him..." (Qur'an)		Nature of God Prophet Adam
"Muhammad is not the father of any one of you men; he is God's messenger and the seal of the prophets." (Qur'an)		
"God took Abraham as a friend." (Qur'an)		

## Islamic Practices:

Shows the importance of prayer as you need to be fully present in communicating with God otherwise it does not benefit them

Sections related to quote:

Salah

"So woe to those who pray but are heedless of their prayer."

This refers to those who pray for show without their heart being in it. Their intention is not to pray to God but to show off to the community.

This shows how important it is to be educated in Islam as God's first instructions to the Prophet was to read.

Sections related to quote:

Sawm

Holy books

"Read in the name of your Lord who created."

Quran was revealed during the Night of Glory so Muslims are influenced to also read the Quran during the month of Ramadan.

This commemorates Prophet Ibrahim's second wife who was in search for water for her son Ismail.

Sections related to quote:

Hajj

"Safa and Marwa are among the rites of God, so for those who make major or minor pilgrimage to the House it is no offence to circulate between them."

Performing Sa'y -which comes after tawaf, is to walk, and periodically at the determined stations run, between the Safa and Marwah hills a total of seven times.

Shows God as benevolent and Merciful. Muslims are influenced to trust in God and He will provide.

<u>Quote</u>	<u>Analyse the quote</u>	<u>Section it connects to</u>
"There is no God but Allah and Muhammed is His messenger." (Qur'an)		
"Your Lord says, 'Call on Me and I will answer you.'" (Qur'an)		
"The Night of Glory is better than a thousand months." (Qur'an)		
"Alms are meant only for the poor, the needy..." (Qur'an)		Zakat
"Pilgrimage to the House is a duty owed to God by people who are able to undertake it." (Qur'an)		
"This is My path, leading straight, so follow it, and do not follow other ways..." (Qur'an)		Jihad
"They ask you [prophets] what they should give. Say, 'Whatever you give should be for parents, close relatives, orphans, the needy, and travellers.'" (Qur'an)		
"It was in this month of Ramadan that the Quran was revealed as guidance to mankind...so any one of you who is present that month should fast." (Qur'an)		
"Believers! When the call to prayer is made on that day of congregation, hurry towards the reminder of God and leave off your tradition." (Qur'an)		

### Section 3

**Conclusions:** This section focuses on constructing an opinion paragraph that is **both convincing and persuasive** to read for the examiner. **Read through and highlight key ideas you found convincing in the argument.** At the end of each opinion paragraph write down what you found the most convincing and what you found the least convincing and explain why.

#### Christian Beliefs:

**"Belief in the afterlife is a good way for people to behave themselves." (12 marks)**

*Despite appearing to be a reliable statement based on the afterlife consisting of heaven as a reward for the kind and hell as a punishment for sinners as is suggested in the Parable of the Sheep and Goats, the reality of this belief is often more complex. For example, it is well known that terrorists carry out atrocities and blow themselves up in the process, believing that they will be rewarded in Jannah for their behaviour. Due to radicalisation they feel that their actions are justified and are supporting the ummah; whereas in a civilised society we can recognise that their behaviour causes pain and suffering to innocent people. Furthermore, stories concerning sexual abuse towards minors in Catholic Church have been uncovered recently. The priests involved have on the surface claimed to be very pious figures who believe and preach the Good News. Yet their belief in heaven has in no way ensured that their behaviour is good. Therefore, I do not think that by holding a belief in the afterlife it means that someone is necessarily going to be a noble person and act morally.*

### Christian Practices:

**'Reconciliation with God is more important than reconciliation to one another.'** (12 marks)

*Despite recognising that Christianity is based on the motivation that he must be reconciled with God through a belief in Jesus and his crucifixion, I firmly disagree with the statement. Reconciliation is about mending broken relationships and if we cannot reconcile with one another then I do not see why an omniscient and omnibenevolent God would want us to reconcile with him. Surely, he would see the hatred and bitterness within us if we cannot reconcile to our fellow human being and so would not see us as being spiritual prepared enough to be reconciled with him. I believe this to be reflected in the quote, "leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift" meaning, do not remember Jesus as his sacrifice with a heart full of hatred for another. First make your peace with them and then remember Jesus and be reconciled with God.*

### Islamic Beliefs:

**'Predestination means that humans cannot make their own choices.'** (12 marks)

*I firmly disagree with the answer. If God is omnipotent as is taught in Christianity and Islam then he is beyond space and time, he does not adhere to the same physical laws that we experience on Earth. Therefore, he would be able to observe our past, present and future without having to intervene in every action that we take. He would have knowledge of our end point without influencing the decisions we make. This is worse unless they change what is in themselves." If it were the case that God did control our actions then piety and compassion would lose its value since it would be forced upon us and consequently judgement would become meaningless. Therefore, in order for us to be judged fairly as the Qur'an and the Bible suggest we must have some freedom over our actions, otherwise God would be sending us to heaven or hell without being able to change this course for ourselves*



### Islamic Practices:

**'Islamic festivals are just an excuse for a celebration.'** (12 marks)

*The statement has a ring of negativity to it, suggesting that festivals should be much more than celebrations, yet celebration is extremely positive in a community and so should not be undermined. The Eid festivals are celebrations and should be enjoyed, since families put on their best clothes, open presents and eat a special meal and the community meet at the mosque and say Eid prayers. These things are fun for children and develop bonds within communities and promote social cohesion. Furthermore, the origins of Islamic festivals can also be celebrated; Eid ul Fitr reminds Muslims to celebrate the revelation on Laylat al Qadr and Eid ul Adha reminds Muslims to celebrate the obedience of Ibrahim who was willing to sacrifice Isma'il. Furthermore, in Christianity the celebration of Easter reminds Christians of Jesus' new life and his triumph over evil. The values of submission and sacrifice are central themes in Islam and Christianity and so should be celebrated joyfully.*

**Your own opinion paragraphs:** You will then need to work through the next few pages on developing your own opinion to the statements provided.

**Christian beliefs** - 'The ascension of Jesus is more important to Christians than his resurrection.' (12 marks)

Christian Practices - 'There is no difference between pilgrimage and a holiday.' (12 marks)

Islamic beliefs - 'The best way to understand God is to describe God as transcendent.' (12 marks)

Islamic Practices - 'All Muslims should undertake in Jihad.' (12 marks)



Create your own persuasive and convincing conclusions for these statements.

'Salvation is God's greatest gift to humans.' (12 marks)

'There is no proof that Jesus is the Son of God.' (12 marks)

'The crucifixion of Jesus is the most important belief in Christianity.' (12 marks)

Section 4:

Here are some past 12-mark questions that have come up in the exams. You will need to **break down the statement and come up with a detailed plan** (agree, disagree and opinion) for each one to help with your revision.

Christian beliefs:

**2021** - 'For Christians, it is impossible to understand the nature of God.' (12 marks)

**2020** - 'The resurrection of the dead is the most important Christian belief.' (12 marks)

**2019** - 'God cannot be loving because people suffer.' (12 marks)

**2018** - 'A loving God would not send anyone to hell.' (12 marks)

### Christian Practices:

**2021** - 'The celebration of Holy Communion (Eucharist) is the most important part of Christian life.' (12 marks)

**2020** - 'Christmas is the most important Christian celebration.' (12 marks)

**2019** - 'The Lord's Prayer is the only prayer that Christians need to use.' (12 marks)

**2018** - 'Infant baptism is not as important as believers' baptism.' (12 marks)

### Islamic Beliefs:

**2021** - 'To believe in the six articles of faith is the best way to please God.' (12 marks)

**2020** - 'For Muslims, this life is more important than life after death.' (12 marks)

**2019** - 'Belief in angels is no longer relevant for Muslims in the modern world.' (12 marks)

**2018** - 'The Qur'an is the only authority a Muslim needs in life.' (12 marks)

### Islamic Practices:

**2021** - 'Salah is more important than Hajj for Muslims today.' (12 marks)

**2020** - 'For Muslims, the best way to serve Allah is by giving charity.' (12 marks)

**2019** - 'The Shahadah (declaration of faith) is the most important pillar in Islam.' (12 marks)

**2018** - 'The Friday prayer (Jummah) is more important than the daily prayers.' (12 marks)

### Stretch and Challenge

If you aim to achieve grades 7-9 **creating resources or discussing topics** at home is a really useful way to revise.

Here's some extra **creative things you could do** to show your teacher that you really understand the topics covered.

1. Create some Tiktoks about religious festivals. Looking at why they are carried out (the spiritual and social aspects), how they are carried out and who is involved in them. You could enter them into this competition.
2. Draw a diagram explaining the concept of the afterlife in Islam, including signs for the end of the world, barzakh, the great battle with Isa and the Al-Mahdi against the Al- Dajjal, Judgement, Jannah and Jahannam.
3. Create a tourist guide brochure on pilgrimages. Include pilgrimage in Islam (Hajj) and Christianity (Iona and Lourdes.) Include how each is practiced, their history and reasons why worshippers make these holy journeys.
4. Create a blog post about how Christians can help in the local community. Include the work of the Oasis Project, Trussell Trust and street pastors.
5. Create a fill it on holy books in Islam, including the Zabur, Injil, the Sahifah, the Tawrat and the Qur'an. Include some information they offer, what time they originate from and what are Islamic beliefs towards these books. You could include how they are interpreted differently according to the school of Islam.
6. Write a single post it note about the Imamate in Islam. Include as much detail as you can about Sunni and Shia beliefs towards these men. You could even include different Shia beliefs - e.g. Fivers, Seveners and Twelvers.
7. Have a discussion at home about the similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity. What is similar about the nature of God, ideas of suffering, heaven and hell. How is God understood differently (Trinity) and how is the role of Jesus/Isa different? Consider similarities and differences in the story of his incarnation, resurrection and ascension.

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