

Revision Olympics



GCSE Religious Studies

Revision Guide
December 2024–May 2025

Exam Specification and General Support

Exam specification and exam board

[AQA GCSE Religious Studies](#)

Past paper questions

[Only Paper 1 Option 3 and 7 and Paper 2A Non-textual studies](#)

Useful revision websites

BBC Bitesize: [Christianity](#)

BBC Bitesize: [Sikhism](#)

[GCSE Pod](#): make sure you are only watching or completing tasks that are to do with Christianity and Sikhism.

[National Academy](#): do Numbers 3-8 only – beliefs and practices for Christianity and the Thematic Studies Units we have/will have studied

[Seneca](#): Religious Studies A: AQA GCSE Thematic Studies and Religions for Christianity and Themes only – disregard other religions

Exam info

Paper 1 Options 3 and 7 Christianity and Sikhism – 13 May 2024

Paper 2A Thematic Studies – 21 May 2024



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Week	Activity 1	Activity 2
<p>1 2.12.24</p>	<p>1.1 AND 1.2 CHRISTIANITY: NATURE OF GOD AND GOD AS OMNIPOTENT, LOVING AND JUST</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Make flash cards for the definitions below, include the meaning and a quote that links God to that idea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monotheism • Omnipotent • Omnibenevolent • Omniscient • Just • Problem of evil (quote not needed) 	<p>9.1 AND 9.2 CRIME AND PUNISHMENT: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT AND REASONS FOR CRIME</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity?: Create a mind map for reasons for crime and for each one add:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition • Christian view • Sikh view
<p>2 9.12.24</p>	<p>3.1 AND 3.2 SIKHISM: NATURE OF GOD AND GOD AS CREATOR</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Take a copy of the Mool Mantra and annotate it to show what each line means and what it teaches Sikhs.</p>	<p>5.1, 5.2 AND 5.3 RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES: HUMAN SEXUALITY, SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS BEFORE AND OUTSIDE MARRIAGE AND CONTRACEPTION</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain two similar religious views towards same sex relationships. Refer to religious teaching in your answer. [5 marks] 2. Explain two contrasting religious views towards sexual relationships before marriage. Refer to religious teaching in your answer. [5 marks] 3. Explain two similar religious views towards sexual relationships outside marriage. Refer to religious teaching in your answer. [5 marks] 4. Explain two contrasting religious views towards the use of contraception. Refer to religious teaching in your answer. [5 marks]

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<p>3 16.12.24</p>	<p>2.1 AND 2.2 CHRISTIANITY: WORSHIP AND PRAYER</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice question 'Private worship has more meaning for a Christian than public worship' Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refer to Christian teaching • give reasoned arguments to support this statement • give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view • reach a justified conclusion. 	<p>9.3 AND 9.4 CRIME AND PUNISHMENT: ATTITUDES TOWARDS LAWBREAKERS AND AIMS OF PUNISHMENT</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Make flash cards for the 3 different types of crime (hate crime, theft, murder) and 3 different aims of punishment (retribution, deterrence, reformation).</p> <p>Make sure to include definition, Christian view and Sikh view.</p>
<p>XMAS BREAK</p>	<p>4.1 AND 4.2 SIKHISM: THE GURDWARA AND GURU GRANTH SAHIB</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Draw a plan of a gurdwara prayer hall, making sure to include and label:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nishan Sahib • Manji • Takht • Palki • Karah parshad • Place for sangat to sit • Rumallas • Chauri 	<p>PRACTICE PAPER</p> <p>Paper 1 Christianity</p>
<p>4 6.01.25</p>	<p>1.3 AND 1.4 CHRISTIANITY: ONENESS OF GOD AND THE TRINITY AND CREATION</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Create a mind map for the Trinity, with a branch for each part. Make sure to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descriptions • Quotes • Role in creation 	<p>3.3 AND 3.4 SIKHISM: NATURE OF HUMAN LIFE AND KARMA, REBIRTH AND MUKTI</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Create a set of flash cards for the 5 virtues and key words in reincarnation (reincarnation, rebirth, karma and mukti)</p>

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<p>5 13.01.25</p>	<p>2.3 CHRISTIANITY: THE SACRAMENTS: BAPTISM</p> <p>Revise the topic above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice question 'Parents should always baptise their children' Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refer to Christian teaching • give reasoned arguments to support this statement • give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view • reach a justified conclusion. [12 marks] 	<p>5.4 AND 5.5 RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES: MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Create a mind map for each topic, you could use the suggested branches below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marriage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose (Christian and Sikh) • Nature (Christian and Sikh) • Wedding (Christian and Sikh) • Cohabitation (Christian and Sikh) • Non-religious views 2. Divorce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons for • Christian views • Sikh views • Remarriage (Christian and Sikh) • Response to marriage problems (Christian and Sikh)
<p>6 20.01.25</p>	<p>4.3 AND 4.4 SIKHISM: WORSHIP IN THE GURDWARA AND THE LANGAR</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Create a mindmap on what happens in a gurdwara, looking at the worship that takes place and the langar.</p>	<p>9.5 AND 9.6 CRIME AND PUNISHMENT: SUFFERING AND THE TREATMENT OF CRIMINALS</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain two contrasting religious beliefs about suffering. Refer to religious teaching in your answer. [5 marks] 2. 'Prison is the best punishment for serious crimes.' Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refer to religious teaching • give reasoned arguments to support this statement • give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view • reach a justified conclusion. [12 marks]



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7 27.01.25	<p>1.5 AND 1.6 CHRISTIANITY: INCARNATION AND JESUS, SON OF GOD AND THE CRUCIFIXION</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Create a story board of Jesus' life, make sure to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The incarnation • What he did in his life • The crucifixion 	<p>3.5 AND 3.6 SIKHISM: FIVE STAGES OF LIBERATION AND BEING GOD-CENTRED</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Create flash cards for the five khand, the five evils and the key words gurmurkh, manmukh and haumai.</p>
8 3.02.25	<p>4.5 AND 4.6 SIKHISM: PRAYER IN THE HOME AND MEDITATING ON THE NAME OF GOD AND ROLE OF THE GURDWARA IN THE COMMUNITY</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give two roles of the granthi. [2 marks] 2. Explain two ways that Sikhs pray as part of their daily routine. Refer to Sikh teaching in your answer. [5 marks] 	<p>6.1 AND 6.5 LIFE: ORIGINS OF THE UNIVERSE AND HUMAN LIFE</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Create a story board for the Christian, Sikh and scientific views on creation of the earth and human life.</p>
9 10.02.25	<p>2.4 AND 2.5 CHRISTIANITY: THE SACRAMENTS: HOLY COMMUNION AND CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Create a mindmap on Holy communion, you could use the branches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition • Impact on individuals • Impact on communities • Impact on society • 2 different denominations form of service. 	<p>5.6, 5.7 AND 5.8 RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES: NATURE AND PURPOSE OF FAMILIES AND GENDER EQUALITY</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give two examples of types of families in the UK. [2 marks] 2. Explain contrasting religious views of different roles within the family [4 marks] 3. Explain two contrasting religious beliefs about the purpose of a family. Refer to religious teaching in your answer. [5 marks] 4. 'Men and women do not have equal roles' Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refer to religious teaching • give reasoned arguments to support this statement • give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view • reach a justified conclusion. [12 marks]



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HALF TERM	<p>3.7 AND 3.8 ONENESS OF HUMANITY AND GURU NANAK</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Create a mind map on Equality for all, making sure to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khalsa • Amritdhari • Langar • 5 K's • Teachings from Guru Nanak 	<p>PRACTICE PAPER</p> <p><u>Paper 1 Sikhism</u></p>
10 24.02.25	<p>1.7 AND 1.8 CHRISTIANITY: RESURRECTION, ASCENSION AND LIFE AFTER DEATH</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice question</p> <p>'Belief in the resurrection is more important to Christians than belief in the ascension.' Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refer to Christian teaching • give reasoned arguments to support this statement • give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view • reach a justified conclusion. <p>[12 marks]</p>	<p>6.2, 6.3 AND 6.4 LIFE: ENVIRONMENT, POLLUTION AND ANIMALS</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain two religious beliefs on why it is important to use renewable energy. Refer to religious teaching in your answer. [5 marks] 2. Explain two similar religious beliefs about why polluting the earth is wrong. Refer to religious teaching in your answer. [5 marks] 3. Explain two contrasting religious beliefs about eating meat. Refer to religious teaching in your answer. [5 marks]
11 3.03.25	<p>4.7 AND 4.8 SIKHISM: VAISAKHI AND DIWALI</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Create a mind map for the festival of Vaisakhi and Diwali. For each, make sure to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How it is celebrated • Why it started • Why it is important 	<p>2.6 AND 2.7 CHRISTIANITY: PILGRIMAGE AND FESTIVALS</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain two contrasting examples of Christian pilgrimage. [4 marks] 2. 'Christmas is the most important festival to Christians' Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refer to Christian teaching • give reasoned arguments to support this statement • give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view • reach a justified conclusion. <p>[12 marks]</p>

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<p>12 10.03.25</p>	<p>1.9 AND 1.10 CHRISTIANITY: AFTERLIFE AND JUDGEMENT AND HEAVEN AND HELL</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain two contrasting Christian teachings about judgement. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. [5 marks] 2. Explain two contrasting Christian teachings about heaven. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. [5 marks] 3. Explain two contrasting Christian teachings about hell. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. [5 marks] 	<p>10.1, 10.2 AND 10.3 HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: SOCIAL JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS, PREJUDICE, DISCRIMINATION AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Make flash cards for the definitions below, include the meaning and a quote to show the Christian or Sikh view.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Rights (don't need a quote but give examples) • Social justice • Prejudice • Discrimination • Gender discrimination • Sexuality discrimination • Freedom of religion • Religious expression
<p>13 17.03.25</p>	<p>3.9 AND 3.10 GURU GOBIND SINGH AND GURU GRANTH SAHIB</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Create a story board of Guru Gobind Singh's life and legacy of the GGS. You should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What happened to the previous guru • The start of the Khalsa • Importance of Singh and Kaur • Who the next guru was and what it includes 	<p>9.7 AND 9.8 CRIME AND PUNISHMENT: FORGIVENESS AND THE DEATH PENALTY</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain two similar religious beliefs about forgiveness. Refer to religious teaching in your answer. [5 marks] • 'The death penalty should be reintroduced in the UK' Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refer to religious teaching • give reasoned arguments to support this statement • give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view • reach a justified conclusion. [12 marks]

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14 24.03.25	<p>2.8 AND 2.9 CHRISTIANITY: FOOD BANKS AND STREET PASTORS</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Create a mind map for each topic, you could use the suggested branches below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Food banks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition What the church does Quotes to support why Examples eg. Trussel Trust, Oasis project or local example Street pastors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition What the church does Quotes to support why Examples 	<p>10.4 AND 10.5 HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: DISABILITY AND RACE AND WEALTH</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Explain two similar religious views towards discrimination based on race. Refer to religious teaching in your answer. [5 marks] Explain two similar religious views towards discrimination based on disability. Refer to religious teaching in your answer. [5 marks] Explain two religious views towards wealth. Refer to religious teaching in your answer. [5 marks]
15 31.03.25	<p>4.9 AND 4.10 SIKHISM: GURPURBS AND PILGRIMAGE TO THE GOLDEN TEMPLE</p> <p>Revise the topic above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Explain two contrasting ways the gurburbs are celebrated in Britain and India. [4 marks] Explain two Sikhs beliefs that can be seen by going on a pilgrimage to the Golden Temple. [4 marks] 	<p>2.10 AND 2.11 CHRISTIANITY: MISSION AND EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Make flash cards for the definitions below, include the meaning and a quote to show why a Christian may practice it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission Evangelism Alpha Course Conversion
EASTER BREAK	<p>1.11 AND 1.12 CHRISTIANITY: SIN AND SALVATION AND THE ROLE OF JESUS CHRIST IN SALVATION</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Create flashcards for the following key terms, make sure to include the definition and a quote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sin Salvation God's grace Atonement 	<p>PRACTICE PAPER</p> <p>Paper 2 Themes Full Paper (Themes A, B, E and F)</p>



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<p>16 21.04.25</p>	<p>3.11 AND 3.12 SIKHISM: SEWA AND ROLE OF THE SANGAT</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give 2 benefits of the sangat to Sikhs. [2 marks] 2. Explain 2 symbols included in the Khanda. [4 marks] 3. Sewa is the best way for Sikhs to demonstrate equality' Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refer to religious teaching • give reasoned arguments to support this statement • give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view • reach a justified conclusion. [12 marks] 	<p>6.6, 6.7 AND 6.8 LIFE: ABORTION, EUTHANASIA AND THE AFTERLIFE</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Create for and against table on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abortion, should it be legalised? • Euthanasia, should it be legalised? • Afterlife, do we go to heaven or are we reincarnated?
<p>17 28.04.25</p>	<p>2.11, 2.12 AND 2.13 WORLDWIDE CHURCH, CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION AND CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO WORLD POVERTY</p> <p>Revise the topics above:</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain two ways the Church has worked to achieve reconciliation. [4 marks] 2. Explain two ways Christians may respond to persecution. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. [5 marks] 3. Explain two ways Tearfund/CAFOD/Christian Aid has worked to help those in poverty. [4 marks] 	<p>10.6, 10.7 AND 10.8 HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: POVERTY, EXPLOITATION AND GIVING MONEY TO THE POOR</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Create a mind map for each topic, you could use the suggested branches below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poverty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition • Causes of • Responsibilities • Christian views • Sikh views 2. Exploitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition • Fair pay (meaning and religious response) • Excessive interest on loans (meaning and religious response) • People-trafficking (meaning and religious response) 3. Giving money to the poor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term aid (definition, examples, pros and cons) • Long term aid (definition, examples, pros and cons) • Christian views • Sikh views

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<p>18 5.05.25</p>	<p>4.11 AND 4.12 SIKHISM: BIRTH AND NAMING CEREMONIES AND INITIATION CEREMONY (AMRIT SANSKAR)</p> <p>Revise the topics above.</p> <p>Suggested activity: Practice Question</p> <p>‘It is more important for Sikhs to have a naming ceremony as a baby than to complete the initiation ceremony as an adult.’ Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refer to religious teaching • give reasoned arguments to support this statement • give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view • reach a justified conclusion. [12 marks] 	<p>ALL UNITS</p> <p>Learn key words and key quotes.</p>