

# Revision Checklist

<b>Christianity: Beliefs and Practices</b>
<b>Beliefs</b>
God as omnipotent, loving and just, and the problem of evil and suffering
The oneness of God and the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)
Different Christian beliefs about creation including the role of Word and Spirit, including:
- John 1:1-3
- Genesis 1:1-3
Different Christian beliefs about the afterlife and their importance, including:
- resurrection and life after death
- judgement, Heaven and hell
Jesus Christ and salvation, including beliefs and teachings about:
- the incarnation and Jesus as the Son of God
- the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension
- sin, including original sin
- the means of salvation, including law, grace and Spirit
- the role of Christ in salvation including the idea of atonement.
<b>Practices</b>
Different forms of worship and their significance:
- liturgical, non-liturgical and informal, including the use of the Bible
- private worship.
- Prayer and its significance, including the Lord's Prayer, set prayers and informal prayer.
The role and meaning of the sacraments, including:
- the meaning of sacrament
- the sacrament of baptism and its significance for Christians
- infant and believers' baptism; different beliefs about infant baptism
- the sacrament of Holy Communion/Eucharist and its significance for Christians
- different ways of interpreting and celebrating Holy Communion/Eucharist
The role and importance of pilgrimage and celebrations including:
- how and why it is given, benefits of receipt
- the celebrations of Christmas and Easter, including importance for Christians in Great Britain
- The role of the Church in the local community, including food banks and street pastors.
- The place of mission, evangelism and Church growth.

The importance of the worldwide Church including:
- working for reconciliation
- how Christian churches respond to persecution
- the work of one of the following: CAFOD, Christian Aid, Tearfund
<b>Islam: Beliefs and Practices</b>
<b>Beliefs</b>
The six articles of faith in Sunni Islam and five roots of Usul ad-Din in Shi'a Islam
Tawhid (the Oneness of God), Qur'an Surah 112.
The nature of God: omnipotence, beneficence, mercy, fairness and justice/Adalat in Shi'a Islam
The immanence and transcendence of God
Angels, their nature and role, including Jibril and Mika'il.
Predestination and human freedom and its relationship to the Day of Judgement.
Akhirah (life after death), human accountability, resurrection, Heaven and hell.
Risalah (Prophethood) including the role and importance of Adam, Ibrahim and Muhammad.
The holy books, including:
- Qur'an: revelation and authority
- the Torah, the Psalms, the Gospel, the Scrolls of Abraham and their authority.
The imamate in Shi'a Islam: its role and significance.
<b>Practices</b>
Five Pillars of Sunni Islam and the Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam
Shahadah: declaration of faith and its place in Muslim practice.
Salah and its significance, including:
- how and why Muslims pray; directions, ablution (wudu), movements (rak'ahs) and recitations
- salah in the home and mosque and elsewhere
- Friday prayer: Jummah
- key differences in the practice of salah in Sunni and Shi'a Islam
- different Muslim views about the importance of prayer
Sawm (the role and significance of fasting during the month of Ramadan), including:
- origins, duties, benefits of fasting
- the exceptions and their reasons
- Night of Power, Qur'an 96:1-5
Zakah (the role and significance of giving alms), including:
- how and why it is given, benefits of receipt

- Khums in Shi'a Islam
Hajj (the role and significance of the pilgrimage to Makkah), including:
- origins, how hajj is performed
- the actions pilgrims perform at sites (the Ka'aba at Makkah, Mina, Arafat, Muzdalifah)
Jihad, including:
- different understandings of jihad
- greater and lesser jihad
- origins and conditions for the declaration of lesser jihad
Festivals and commemorations and their importance for Muslims in Great Britain, including:
- Id-ul-Adha
- Id-ul-Fitr
- Ashura
<b>Theme: Relationships and families</b>
For each of these topics, you should be able to discuss differing points of view, including those of Christians (Roman Catholics, Liberal Protestants and Evangelical Protestants).
Main themes:
Contraception
Sexual relationships before and outside marriage
Homosexual relationships
Sex, marriage and divorce, including:
- human sexuality including: heterosexual and homosexual relationships
- sexual relationships before and outside of marriage
- contraception and family planning
- the nature and purpose of marriage
- same-sex marriage and cohabitation
- divorce, including reasons for divorce, and remarrying
- ethical arguments related to divorce, including sanctity of marriage vows and compassion
The nature of families, including:
- the role of parents and children
- extended families and the nuclear family
The purpose of families, including:
- procreation
- stability and the protection of children
- educating children in a faith
Contemporary family issues including:

- same-sex parents
- polygamy
The roles of men and women
Gender equality
Gender prejudice and discrimination, including examples
<b>Theme: Religion and life</b>
For each of these topics, you should be able to discuss differing points of view, including those of Christians (Roman Catholics, Liberal Protestants and Evangelical Protestants).
Main themes:
Abortion
Euthanasia
Animal experimentation
The origins of the universe, including:
- the relationship between scientific views, such as the Big Bang theory, and religious views
Religious teaching about stewardship, dominion, responsibility, awe and wonder
The use and abuse of the environment, including the use of natural resources, pollution
The use and abuse of animals, including:
- animal experimentation
- the use of animals for food
The origins and value of life, including:
- religious teachings about the origins of human life, and different interpretations of these
- the relationship between scientific views, such as evolution, and religious views
The concepts of sanctity of life and the quality of life
Abortion, including situations when the mother's life is at risk
Ethical arguments related to abortion, including sanctity of life and quality of life
Euthanasia
Beliefs about death and an afterlife, and their impact on beliefs about the value of human life
<b>Theme: Religion, peace and conflict</b>
For each of these topics, you should be able to discuss differing points of view, including those of Christians (Roman Catholics, Liberal Protestants and Evangelical Protestants).
Main themes:
Violence
Weapons of mass destruction
Pacifism

Religion, violence, terrorism and war, including:
- justice
- forgiveness
- reconciliation
Violence, including violent protest
Terrorism
Reasons for war, including greed, self-defence and retaliation
The just war theory, including the criteria for a just war
Holy war
Pacifism Religion and belief in 21st-century conflict
Religion and belief as a cause of war and violence in the contemporary world
Nuclear weapons, including nuclear deterrence
The use of weapons of mass destruction
Religion and modern peace-making, including the work of individuals influenced by their faith
Religious responses to victims of war including the work of one present day religious organisation
<b>Theme: Religion, crime and punishment</b>
For each of these topics, you should be able to discuss differing points of view, including those of Christians (Roman Catholics, Liberal Protestants and Evangelical Protestants).
Main themes:
Corporal punishment
Death penalty
Forgiveness
Religion, crime and the causes of crime, including:
- Reasons for crime, including:
- poverty and upbringing
- mental illness and addiction
- greed and hate
- opposition to an unjust law
Views about people who break the law for these reasons
Views about different types of crime, including hate crimes, theft and murder
Religion and aims of punishment, including:
- retribution
- deterrence
- reformation
The treatment of criminals, including:

- prison
- corporal punishment
- community service
Forgiveness
The death penalty
Ethical arguments related to the death penalty (utility and sanctity of life)