

RS REVISION CHECKLIST – (FULL DETAILED BREAKDOWN)

Paper 1 – Christianity

Unit	Topic	Content	Revised?
Christian Beliefs	The Trinity	The Nicene Creed	
		Each of the parts of the trinity	
		How beliefs about the trinity are expressed in worship	
	Creation	The Bible story of creation	
		Divergent ways of understanding the Bible story	
		John 1:1-18 – The Role of the word and spirit in creation	
	Incarnation	The importance of Jesus as the Son of God	
		1 Timothy 3:16	
		John 1:1-18 – The Role of the word in creation	
	Last Days of Jesus	Last Supper, betrayal, arrest, trial, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus	
		Importance of these events to understand Jesus	
		Luke 22-24	
	Salvation	Role of Jesus in salvation	
		John 3:10 – 21 & Acts 4:8-12	
		Atonement and its link to salvation	
	Eschatology	Resurrection, judgement, Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory	
		39 articles of religion & Corinthians 5:1 – 10	
		Importance of belief in life after death	
	Problem of Evil	The problems that evil raises for Christians about the nature of God	
		how the problem may cause believers to question their faith or the existence of God	
examples of natural suffering, moral suffering			
Responses to problem of evil	Biblical responses, theoretical responses, and practical solutions		
	Psalms 119, story of Job, freewill, value of soul-making, prayer & charity		
	How successful the responses/solutions are		

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Marriage and family	Marriage	Importance and purpose for Christians	
		Divergent Christian and non-religious attitudes to the importance of marriage in society; including the sanctity of marriage, cohabitation and Christian responses to these attitudes.	
	Sexual relationships	importance of sexual relationships: divergent Christian teachings about sexual relationships	
		Christian attitudes towards sexual relationships outside of marriage	
		Christian attitudes towards homosexuality	
		Non-religious views of the above issues	
	Family	The importance of family including procreation, security and education of children	
		Christian responses to different types of family within 21st-century society (nuclear, single parent, same-sex parents, extended and blended families).	
	Support for the family in the local parish	Why churches try to help the local community	
		family worship, rites of passage, classes for parents, groups for children, including Sunday schools and counselling	
importance of the support of the local parish for Christians today			

	Family planning	Divergent teachings on contraception	
		Teachings about the artificial methods of contraception with reference to <i>Humanae Vitae</i>	
		Non-religious views of contraception, and the application of situation ethics	
	Divorce and remarriage	Divergent teachings on divorce and remarriage	
		Non-religious attitudes to divorce and remarriage, and application of situation ethics	
	Gender equality	teaching about the equality of men and women in the family	
		teachings and attitudes about the role of men and women in the family	
	Gender prejudice and discrimination	Christian opposition to gender prejudice and discrimination	
divergent Christian attitudes to gender differences, including the role of women in the Church			

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Living the Christian Life	Worship	Liturgical and non-liturgical worship	
		Activities/worship that are formal and informal including the Book of Common Prayer	
		When and why each type of worship would be used	
		Worship with less structure and its benefits	
	Sacraments	The importance of sacraments	
		The importance and celebration of Baptism	
		The importance and celebration of Eucharist	
		Divergent views of the importance (e.g. between catholic and protestant)	
	Prayer	Types of prayer: set prayers and informal prayers	
		The Lord's prayer	
		Divergent views on the importance	
	Pilgrimage	Nature, history, and importance of pilgrimage including Luke 2:41	
		Why pilgrimage is important to Christians today	
		Activities and importance of Jerusalem, Iona, Taize and Walsingham	
	Festivals	The importance of Christmas and how it is celebrated	
		The importance of Easter and how it is celebrated	
		Advent	
		Holy Week (including 1 Corinthians 15:12-34)	
	Future of the worldwide church	Church growth through missionary and evangelical work	
		Mark 16: 9-20 and John 20:21	
		Divergent ways this is put into practice locally, nationally and globally	
		Importance of evangelical work for individual Christians & the future of the church	
	Importance of the local church	Role and importance in the local community	
		How and why it helps the individual believer and local community	
		Parish activities including Peter 5: 1-4	
		Ecumenism, outreach work	
		The centre of the Christian identity through the Christian practices	
	The Church in the worldwide community	how and why it works for reconciliation and the problems faced by the persecuted Church	
		teachings about charity (including 1 Corinthians 13 and Matthew 25:31-46)	
		Christian Aid – what it does and why	

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Life and Death	Origins and purpose of the universe	Scientific explanations for origins of the universe (Big Bang)	
		Georges Lemaître	
		The value of the universe in Christian teaching	
	Sanctity of life	Why human life is special	
		The belief that humans were created in the image of God	
	Origins and value of human life	Evolution and survival of the fittest	
		Compatibility of science and Christian belief	
		significance of the responses to scientific and non-religious explanations for Christians today	
	Abortion	Pro-life and pro-choice teachings	
		non-religious arguments surrounding its use, including the application of situation ethics,	
	Life after death	Christian teachings and beliefs that support the existence of a life after death, including the resurrection of Jesus	
		divergent Christian arguments for life after death (including remembered lives, paranormal, logic, reward, comfort and meeting loved ones who have passed on)	
		The significance of belief in life after death for Christians.	
		Why Christians reject arguments against belief in life after death (including as a source of comfort, lack of evidence, fraudulent accounts and social control)	
	Euthanasia	Christian teachings and divergent views	
		support for hospice care and interpretations of Job	
		Non-religious attitudes to euthanasia, and the application of situation ethics	
	Issues in the natural world	Christian responses to threats to the world, including pollution, global warming and the use of natural resources	
		stewardship and humanity's role as stewards, including The Christian Declaration on Nature, Assisi 1986	
		Christian responses to animal rights, including animal experimentation and the use of animals for food, including the application of utilitarianism	

Paper 2 – Islam

Unit	Topic	Content	Revised?
Muslim Beliefs	6 Beliefs of Sunni Islam	What the 6 beliefs are	
		How the 6 beliefs are understood and expressed by Sunni Muslims	
		The importance of the 6 beliefs	
	5 Roots of Usul ad-Din (shia)	What the 5 roots are	
		The importance of the 5 roots	
		importance of these principles for different Shi'a communities today, including Sevener and Twelver	
	Tawhid (Nature of Allah)	How the nature of Allah is shown in the Qur'an	
		Tawhid (Surah 16: 35–36)	
		immanence, transcendence, omnipotence, beneficence, mercy, fairness and justice, Adalat in Shi'a Islam	
	Risalah (Prophets)	The importance of prophets (Surah 2: 136)	
		What the roles and examples of Prophets teach Muslims	
		Adam, Ibrahim, Isma'il, Musa, Dawud, Isa, Muhammad	
	Kutub (Holy Books)	Nature and importance of Holy Books (Surah 53:4)	
		Torah (Moses) , Zabur (Dawud) , Injil (Isa) and Sahifah (Ibrahim)	
		Importance of Holy Books and how they are used by Muslims today	
	Malaikah (Angels)	Nature and importance of angels	
		Jibril, Izra'il and Mika'il	
		The importance of angels for Muslims today	
	Al-Qadr (Destiny)	Nature and importance of Predestination for Muslims	
		how al-Qadr and human freedom relates to the Day of Judgement	
divergent understandings of predestination in Sunni and Shi'a Islam			
the implications of belief in al-Qadr for Muslims today			
Akhirah (Afterlife)	Nature of judgement, paradise, and hell and how they are shown in the Quran (surah 17:49)		
	How life after death affects the life of a Muslim		

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Crime and Punishment	Justice	teachings about the nature of justice and why it's important	
		why justice is important for victims including non-religious attitudes (atheist and Humanist)	
	Crime	teachings and responses to the causes and problem of crime	
		teachings about crime, including as a distraction from Allah	
		what action is taken by Muslim individuals and Muslim groups to end crime, including the Muslim Chaplains Association and the work of Mosaic	
	Good, evil and suffering	teachings about the nature of good actions, how they are rewarded, and the nature of evil actions	
		non-religious attitudes (including atheist and Humanist) about why people suffer, and Muslim responses to them	
		divergent Muslim teachings about why people suffer, including Surah 76	
	Punishment	Teachings on the use of punishments (and links to situation ethics)	
		Muslim teachings on why punishment can be regarded as justice and why punishment might be needed in society	

	Forgiveness	Teachings on the importance of forgiveness	
		How offenders are forgiven by the community and why	
		The use of restorative justice, and why it's important for criminals	
	Treatment of Criminals	Teachings on how criminals should be treated	
		Divergent attitudes towards the use of torture, human rights, fair trial, trial by jury	
		application of ethical theories, such as situation ethics, which may accept the use of torture if it is for the greater good	
	Death penalty	Purpose of capital punishment	
		Divergent Muslim views on use of capital punishment	
		Non-religious attitudes, and the application of situation ethics	

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Living the Muslim Life	10 Acts of Shia Islam	The nature, history, and purpose of the 10 acts	
		Importance of the 10 acts for Shias & the Sunni understanding of these	
		Importance of the 10 acts including Surah 9: 71 - 73	
		The link between the 10 acts and the 5 pillars	
	Shahadah	significance of Shahadah for Sunni and Shi'a Muslims (Surah 3: 17–21)	
		why reciting Shahadah is important for Muslims	
		When the Shahadah is said by Muslims today	
	Salah	The importance and purpose of prayer	
		Divergent practices between Sunni and shia	
		How it is performed; ablution, times, direction, movement, recitation, at home, mosque and Jummah	
		Comparing prayer for Muslim and Christians	
	Sawm	Purpose of fasting during Ramadan	
		Who is excused from fasting and why	
		The Night of Power	
		why Laylat al-Qadr is important for Muslims today	
	Zakah	Nature, role and importance of Zakah and Khums	
		Surah 9: 58-60 & Surah 8: 36 – 42	
	Hajj	Nature, role, and importance of Hajj (pilgrimage)	
		Surah 2:124 – 130, Surah 22: 25-30	
		How and why Hajj is performed	
		Importance, benefits, and challenges of performing hajj	
	Jihad	Origins, meaning, and importance of Jihad	
		Divergent understanding of Jihad within Islam (greater & lesser)	
		Conditions for Jihad including Surah 2: 190 -194 and 22: 39	
		Importance of Jihad in the life of a Muslim	
	Festivals	meaning and significance of Id-ul-Adha	
		meaning and significance of Id-ul-Fitr	
		meaning and significance of Id-ul-Ghadeer	
meaning and significance of Ashura			

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Peace and Conflict	Peace	The important of peace	
		Muslim understandings about Islam as a religion of peace and how this may be understood in the life of a Muslim	
	Peace-making	Teachings on peace-making	
		importance for Muslims of justice, forgiveness and reconciliation in peace-making	
		the work of Muslims working for peace today	
	Conflict	Causes of conflict	
		Muslim responses to the problems conflict causes within society	
		links to situation ethics; non-religious (including atheist and Humanist) attitudes about the role of religion in the causes of conflict and Muslim responses to them	
	Pacifism	teachings and responses to the nature and history of pacifism (including the story of Habil and Qabil)	
		teachings about passive resistance and examples within Islam, including elements of the Arab Spring	
	Just war theory	Importance of the Just War Theory	
		The conditions of a Just war within Islam (Lesser Jihad)	
		Divergent views on if Just war is possible for Muslims, and the application of situation ethics	
	Holy War	Holy war (Harb al-Maqadis) within Islam and how it is shown in the Qur'an	
		Divergent teachings on war – specifically Lesser Jihad	
	Weapons of Mass Destruction	The problems and benefits of WMD	
		Muslim attitudes to using WMD	
		non-religious attitudes (including atheist and Humanist) and the application of utilitarianism which supports the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction, and Muslim responses	
	Issues surrounding conflict	teachings and responses to the nature of problems involved in conflict – violence, war, and terrorism	
		How Muslims have worked to overcome these issues, including Malik's Muwatta 21. 3. 10	
non-religious (including atheist and Humanist) views towards the issues surrounding conflict and Muslim responses to them			