

# WHY RP?

Issues of religion and belief frequently top the news agenda and RP helps make sense of them.

RP allows young people growing up in a diverse society to understand the views and opinions of people whose beliefs and values differ from their own.

RP provides space for young people to reflect on their own ideas and develop their thoughts about questions of meaning and ethics.

By having access to good RP in schools, young people are equipped to handle issues in their lives, preparing them for the workplace and adult life.



# A reminder why this GCSE is important

You can put these skills on your CV or on a UCAS reference

Studying religion and philosophy gives you...

Research, analysis and presentation skills

Organisational and time management skills

Teamwork and communication skills

Writing skills, including the ability to construct a reasoned argument

Empathy and the ability to understand people and take on board others' views

The ability to work methodically and accurately

Clear & Logical thinking skills

Critical evaluation skills

Negotiating skills

Problem solving skills



# GCSE RP Exam Information

The GCSE is split into two exams which will both be taken at the end of year 11.

## Paper/Component 1: The study of religious beliefs, teachings and practices

**What is assessed?**  
Beliefs, teachings and practices from Christianity and Islam.

**How is it assessed?**  
Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes  
96 marks (plus 3 marks for SPaG)  
50% of GCSE

**What type of question?**  
Each religion has a common structure of **two five-part questions** of 1, 2, 4, 5, 12 marks.  
Each religion is marked out of 48.



## Paper/ Component 2: Thematic studies

**What is assessed?**  
Four religious, philosophical and ethical studies:

- Religion, human rights and social justice
- Religion and human relationships
- Religion, peace and conflict
- Religion, crime and punishment.

**How is it assessed?**  
Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes  
96 marks (plus 3 for SPaG)  
50% of GCSE

**What type of question?**  
Each theme has a common structure of **one five-part question** of 1, 2, 4, 5, 12 marks.  
Each theme is marked out of 24.

AO	Description
AO1	You need to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religion and beliefs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beliefs, practices and sources of authority</li> <li>• Influence on individuals an, communities and societies</li> <li>• Similarities and differences within and/or between religions and beliefs.</li> </ul>
AO2	You need to analyse and evaluate aspects of religion and belief, including their significance and influence.

**SPaG**

Up to 3 marks are given for correct spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) in your 12 mark answers.

**3 marks** are given for the following:

- You spell and punctuate with consistent accuracy
- You use rules of grammar with effective control of meaning overall
- You use a wide range of specialist terms as appropriate

# The Course: AQA Specification A (8062)

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<b>Year 10</b> AQA GCSE	Islam Beliefs and Teachings	Islam Practices	Relationships and families	Religion, peace and conflict	Mock and Revision	Religion and Crime and Punishment
<b>Year 11</b> AQA GCSE	Christianity Beliefs and Teachings	Human Rights and Social Justice	Christian Practices	Islam Revision	Themes Revision	Exams

UNIT	WEIGHTING/ASSESSMENT
Beliefs, teachings and practices of Christianity Beliefs, teachings and practices of Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Written Exam: 1 hr 45 mins</b></li> <li>• 96 marks plus 3 for SPAG</li> <li>• Each religion has a common structure of two five-part questions of 1, 2, 4, 5 and 12 marks. Each religion is marked out of 48.</li> <li>• 50% of GCSE</li> </ul>
Themes x4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Written Exam: 1 hour 45 minutes</b></li> <li>• 96 marks plus 3 for SPAG</li> <li>• Each theme has a common structure of one five-part question of 1, 2, 4, 5 and 12 marks. Each theme is marked out of 24.</li> <li>• 50% of GCSE</li> </ul>

## GCSE RP Command Words

Command words are the words and phrases used in exams and other assessment tasks that tell you how you should answer the question.

### Evaluate

You need to consider different viewpoints and arrive at a judgment.



You need to show your understanding and knowledge of teachings or practices. You need to identify at least two relevant points and demonstrate your understanding by giving examples or teachings to support your point.



### Explain

### Explain different attitudes to...

You need to show your knowledge and understanding of different attitudes about an ethical or philosophical issue or belief.



You need to show your knowledge and understanding of how a religious belief or practice influences individuals or groups.

### Explain how X may influence Y

### Give

You need to show your knowledge of two examples or two beliefs.



You need to show a reasoned consideration of a single point of view through a logical chain of reasoning.



### Why

## 'Teenagers have too much schoolwork, to be able to do household chores' 12 marks

Evaluate this statement.

- give reasoned arguments to support this statement
- give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.



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'Belief in Jesus is all that Christians need to be saved from sin.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you should:

- 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]**  
**[SPaG 3 marks]**

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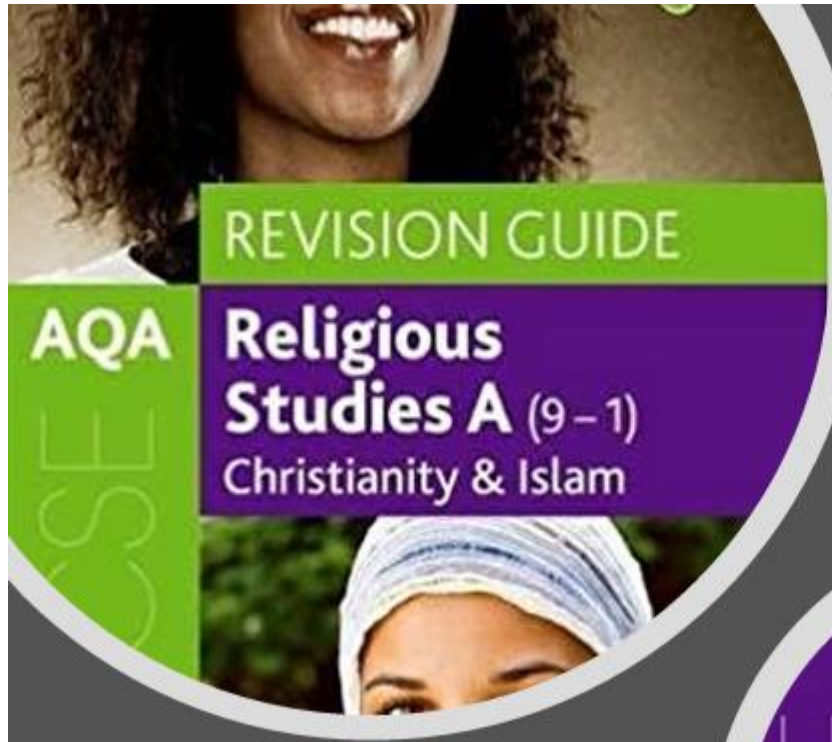
'People living in poverty must help themselves to overcome any difficulties they face.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should refer to religious arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

**[12 marks]**  
**[Plus SPaG 3 marks]**



The average grade in the department being a grade 5-6.

We are significantly above the national performance for RP.

# Textbooks and Revision Guide

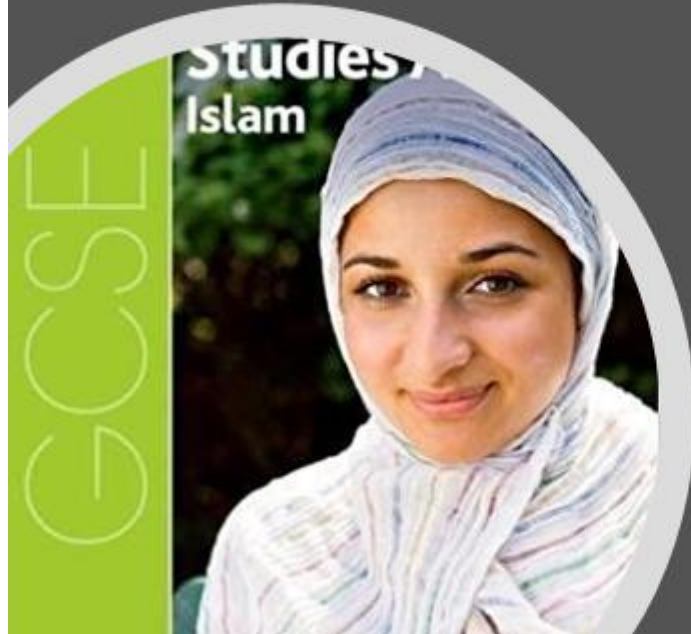
**AQA Religious Studies A Christianity** (978 019 837033 8)

**AQA Religious Studies A Islam**  
(978 019 837034 5)



**AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Islam Revision Guide** by Marianne Fleming, Harriet Power, Peter Smith.

Available on Amazon





# How you can help...



Wednesday 3.10pm  
RP- intervention with  
Ms Sheppard RP1

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## How should your child be revising?

- Writing practice exam answers
- Writing timed answers
- Planning essays
- Learning key terms and definitions
- Learning quotes and scripture

## How can you help?

- Test them on key word definitions
  - Time them doing exam practice answers
  - Proof read their work and help them with SPaG
  - Help them learn quotations
  - Debate and discuss
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