

## Essentials to know for the Ethics and Philosophy Exam.

**Our exam board is AQA, we follow Specification A (8062).**

The exams will *likely* take place

- *Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May* – Religions paper (Islam and Christianity)
- *Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May* – Themes paper (we learn 5 sections but you just answer 4 sections).

There are examples of papers on the link (<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062/assessment-resources>). Both exams you sit last 1 hr 45 and there are 4 sections to complete on each, giving you around 26 mins per section.

When the papers are given to you in the real exam, the first exam paper **will only give you booklets with questions on our chosen religions (Islam and Christianity)** with spaces to fill in your answers. You should answer every question on this exam.

In the second exam, you will be given a booklet with 6 'Themes' to choose from. You only have to answer 4 themes in the exam out of the following options:

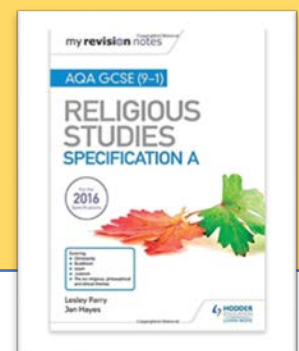
- A – Families and Relationships
- B – Religion and Life
- C - Existence of God and Revelation
- D – War and Peace
- E – Crime and Punishment
- F – Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice.

They always come up in alphabetical order in the exam and you won't get any more marks for answering more than 4 sections. You should answer all questions within each section, not just 4 questions overall in the paper. In the exam you **MUST** do your own timekeeping and keep track of when halfway is, so you can swap over onto the second religion paper. The examiner is not

If you want to revise basic keywords, *Memrise* is an online quiz/memory games forum that once you are signed up gives you access to the AQA GCSE keywords for Islam and Christianity, along with other GCSE subject info, too.

- <https://www.memrise.com/course/1812623/aqa-islam-beliefs-and-practices/>
- <https://www.memrise.com/course/1812569/aqa-christian-beliefs-and-practices/>

Closer to your mock exam, there will be revision sessions available in SOG2 after school on Tuesdays. There will also be revision books available for £5 from Miss Adair or if you prefer you can buy them on Amazon for quite cheap, too.



<b>Exam 1 – May 11<sup>th</sup> (estimated)</b>	
<p><b>Christian Beliefs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Nature of God (i.e. what is He supposed to be like?)</li> <li>• Different Christian views on Creation</li> <li>• Different Christian views on the afterlife (judgement, heaven and hell)</li> <li>• The incarnation and Jesus as Son of God</li> <li>• The crucifixion, resurrection and ascension</li> <li>• Sin and Salvation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Christian Practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different forms of worship and their significance (liturgical, non-liturgical; private and public worship).</li> <li>• The role and meaning of Sacraments (adult and infant baptism, communion).</li> <li>• The role and importance of pilgrimage (Lourdes and Iona).</li> <li>• Celebration of Christmas and Easter in UK today.</li> <li>• The role of the Church in local and global community</li> <li>• The importance of global church in reconciliation and responding to persecution.</li> <li>• The work of a Christian charity (can be CAFOD, Christian Aid or Tearfund).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Islamic Beliefs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life of Muhammad and beginnings of Islam.</li> <li>• Nature of God (Immanent, Transcendent, Omni's)</li> <li>• Six Articles of Faith in Sunni and Usul ad Din in Shia Islam</li> <li>• Tawhid, Qur'an Surah 112.</li> <li>• Angels (their nature and role, including Jibril and Mikail)</li> <li>• Predestination, human freedom and the Day of Judgement.</li> <li>• Akirah (life after death), human responsibility.:</li> <li>• Risalah</li> <li>• Holy Books (The Qur'an, Psalms, Gospels, Torah) and their authority.</li> <li>• The Imamate in Shia Islam.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Islamic Practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five Pillars in Sunni Islam and 10 obligatory acts in Shia Islam.</li> <li>• Shahadah</li> <li>• Salah and its significance</li> <li>• Sawm</li> <li>• Hajj</li> <li>• Zakat</li> <li>• Jihad</li> <li>• Festivals of Ashura, Eid ul adha, Eid ul Fitr.</li> </ul>

<b>Exam 2 – May 17<sup>th</sup> (estimated)</b>	
<p><b>A - Families and Relationships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marriage</li> <li>• Same Sex Relationships</li> <li>• Contraception</li> <li>• Sex, relationships and polygamy.</li> <li>• Divorce and Remarriage</li> <li>• Families and Upbringing</li> <li>• Gender Equality and Prejudice</li> </ul> <p><i>You should know Secular, Christian and Muslim beliefs on all of the above.</i></p>	<p><b>D – Peace and Conflict</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meaning and significance of peace, justice, forgiveness and reconciliation.</li> <li>• Violence and Terrorism</li> <li>• Reasons for war</li> <li>• Just War Theory and Holy War</li> <li>• Pacifism</li> <li>• Nuclear Warfare</li> <li>• Religion as a cause of war, peace and reconciliation.</li> <li>• Religious responses to victims of war</li> </ul> <p><i>You should know Secular, Christian and Muslim beliefs on all of the above.</i></p>
<p><b>B - Religion and Life</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abortion</li> <li>• Euthanasia</li> <li>• Animal Experimentation</li> <li>• Environment, Pollution/Climate Change/Global Warming + Natural resources</li> <li>• Science vs Religious origins of the universe</li> </ul> <p><i>You should know Secular, Christian and Muslim beliefs on all of the above.</i></p>	<p><b>E - Crime and Punishment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Death Penalty</li> <li>• Forgiveness</li> <li>• Corporal Punishment</li> <li>• Good and Evil</li> <li>• Reasons for Crime</li> <li>• Attitudes to Criminals</li> <li>• Aims of Punishment</li> <li>• Prisons + Community Service</li> </ul> <p><i>You should know Secular, Christian and Muslim beliefs on all of the above</i></p>
<p><b>C - Existence of God</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Nature</i> of God – Omni's!</li> <li>• Design Argument + First Cause Argument</li> <li>• Miracles + Visions</li> <li>• Atheist argument from Evil and Suffering.</li> <li>• Revelation + Enlightenment</li> </ul> <p><i>You should know all theories and the theist and atheist arguments surrounding them, plus strengths and weaknesses of them</i></p>	<p><b>F – Human Rights and Social Justice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prejudice and discrimination in secular society and religion, including treatment of women and homosexuals, race and positive.</li> <li>• Freedom of religion</li> <li>• Human Rights and social justice.</li> <li>• Attitudes to and uses of wealth</li> <li>• Poverty – responsibilities, charities, responses and causes.</li> </ul> <p><i>You should know Secular, Christian and Muslim beliefs on all of the above</i></p>

