



GCSE

3120UB0-1

WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 2025 – AFTERNOON

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – Unit 1

PART A – Core Beliefs, Teachings and Practices

- **Christianity**
- **Islam**

PART B – Religious Responses to Philosophical Themes

- **Theme 1: Life and Death**
- **Theme 2: Good and Evil**

2 hours plus your additional time allowance

PART A	For Examiner’s use only		
	Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
	1.	30	
	SPaG	6	
PART B	2.	30	
	3.	30	
	4.	30	
	Total	126	

Surname _____

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Centre Number _____

Candidate Number 0 _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on page 2.

Answer ALL questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. If you run out of space, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet taking care to number the question(s) correctly.

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INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

Your ability to spell, punctuate and use accurate grammar is assessed in question 1(d).

You are expected to use specialist terminology accurately and make reference to sources of religious wisdom and authority (including religious texts), where relevant.

Answer ALL questions.

**PART A – CORE BELIEFS, TEACHINGS
AND PRACTICES**

CHRISTIANITY

**1 (a) What do Christians mean by
‘Messiah’? [2 marks]**

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1 (b) Describe Christian approaches to ethical decision making. [5 marks]

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1 (c) Explain Christian teachings about love. [8 marks]

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1 (d) ‘Helping the community is the most important role of a church or chapel.’

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

Marks for spelling, punctuation and the accurate use of grammar are allocated to this question. [6 marks]

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PART A – CORE BELIEFS, TEACHINGS AND PRACTICES

ISLAM

2 (a) What do Muslims mean by 'Adhan'? [2 marks]

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2 (b) Describe how Muslims perform zakat. [5 marks]

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2 (c) Explain why the Qur'an is important in Islam. [8 marks]

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2 (d) ‘Shahadah is the most important pillar for Muslims.’

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

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PART B – RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO PHILOSOPHICAL THEMES

THEME 1: LIFE AND DEATH

3 (a) What is meant by ‘afterlife’?

[2 marks]

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3 (b) Describe Christian OR Muslim beliefs about caring for the world.
[5 marks]

3 (c) Explain Christian AND Muslim teachings about the origin of the universe. [8 marks]

3 (d) ‘Only God has the right to choose when a person’s life ends.’

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must refer to religious AND non-religious beliefs, such as those held by Humanists and Atheists, in your answer.) [15 marks]

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PART B – RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO PHILOSOPHICAL THEMES

THEME 2: GOOD AND EVIL

4 (a) What is meant by ‘suffering’?

[2 marks]

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4 (b) Describe Christian OR Muslim attitudes towards pacifism.

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4 (c) Explain Christian AND Muslim beliefs about how criminals should be treated. [8 marks]

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4 (d) ‘The death penalty is a fair punishment.’

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

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