

Example Questions

Christianity: Beliefs and Practices

2 mark questions

- Give two persons of the Trinity
- Give two examples of important places of Christian pilgrimage
- Name two characteristics of God
- Explain two reasons why Jesus had to die
- State two things Christians believe about judgement
- Explain the term 'street pastor'
- Give two alternative names for the term 'Eucharist'

4 mark questions

- Explain two ways in which Christian beliefs about the afterlife influence Christians today
- Explain two ways in which a belief in Jesus' crucifixion influences Christians today
- Explain two contrasting types of Christian pilgrimage
- Explain two contrasting ways in which Christians worship
- Explain two ways in which belief in the resurrection of Jesus influences Christians today
- Explain two ways in which beliefs about the creation of the world might influence Christians today
- Explain two contrasting ways in which Christians celebrate the Eucharist

5 mark questions

- Explain two Christian teachings about God the creator. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two Christian beliefs about salvation. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two reasons why Christians pray. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer.
- Explain two ways that Christian charities help the poor in less economically developed countries. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer.
- Explain two Christian teachings about judgement. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer.
- Explain two Christian teachings about the creation. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer.
- Explain two ways in which Christians celebrate Easter. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer.

12 mark questions

- **'The crucifixion is more important to Christians than the resurrection'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'The stories of the incarnation prove that Jesus was the Son of God'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'The most important religious festival for Christians is Christmas'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'The most important duty of the Church is to help people in need'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'It is more important to follow Jesus' example than to spend time in worship'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'If God were loving there would be no suffering'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'No child should be baptised'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'Pilgrimages are a waste of money'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.

Example Questions

Islam: Beliefs and Practices

2 mark questions

- Give two Muslim holy books
- Give two places pilgrims visit while on Hajj
- Give two Muslim beliefs about 'Aakhirah'
- Name two of the prophets of Islam
- Give two reasons why the Qur'an is important
- Give two of the roles of angels in Islam
- Give two ways Muslims can demonstrate Jihad
- Name two of the 10 Obligations for Shi'a Muslims

4 mark questions

- Explain two ways in which a belief in the Supremacy of God's will influences Muslims today.
- Explain two ways in which a belief in prophethood influences Muslims today.
- Explain two ways in which Muslim beliefs about Jihad influence Muslims today.
- Explain two ways in which a belief in the importance of prayer influences Muslims today.
- Explain two ways in which belief in the afterlife influences Muslims today
- Explain two ways in which beliefs about Allah being just (Adalat) might influence Muslims today
- Explain two ways in which believing in Risalah (prophethood) influences Muslims today
- Explain two contrasting ways in which Muslims celebrate the festival of Ashura
- Explain two contrasting ways in which Muslims celebrate Eid ul-Adha

5 mark questions

- Explain two Muslim teachings about life after death. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two Muslim teachings about predestination (al-Qadr). Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two Muslim teachings about giving alms (Zakah). Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two Muslim beliefs about the importance of festivals. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two Muslim teachings about the creation. Refer to scripture in your answer..
- Explain two Muslim teachings about the imamate in Shi'a Islam. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two ways in which Muslims celebrate Eid ul-Fitr. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two ways in which Muslims view the Salah (prayer) as important. Refer to scripture in your answer.

12 mark questions

- **'For Muslims, following the example of Muhammad is more important than following the teachings of the Qur'an'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'The best way of understanding God is to describe God as transcendent'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'It is important that Muslims celebrate their festivals in Great Britain today'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'The Shahadah is the most important pillar of Islam'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'The Muslim idea of paradise is just wishful thinking'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'The Sunnah is more important than the Qur'an as a guide to life for Muslims today'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'Prayer is more beneficial than going on Hajj'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'The expectations of Ramadan should be the expectations for every day for a Muslims'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.

Example Questions

Theme B: Religion and Life

2 mark questions

- Give two reasons why religious believers might oppose animal experimentation
- Give two ways humans are abusing the world's natural resources

4 mark questions

- **Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about euthanasia.** In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain (Christianity) and one other religious tradition.
- **Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about the origin of the universe.** In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain (Christianity) and one other religious tradition.
- **Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about abortion.** In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain (Christianity) and one other religious tradition.
- **Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about animal experimentation.** In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain (Christianity) and one other religious tradition.

5 mark questions

- Explain two religious beliefs about what happens when a person dies. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two religious beliefs about euthanasia. Refer to scripture in your answer.

12 mark questions

- **'There must be life after death'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'Religious believers should not eat meat'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'Abortion should only be allowed if the mother's life is in danger'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'What happens in the next life depends on how this life is lived'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'Both science and religion are valuable in our world today'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'Pollution is a fact of life; it cannot be stopped'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'Humans are misusing their power over animals'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'Everyone should have the right to die if that is what they want'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'The right to die should always take priority over the sanctity of life'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.

Example Questions

Theme D: Religion, Peace and Conflict

2 mark questions

- Give two reasons for war
- Give two religious beliefs that show that violence is wrong.
- Give two ways in which religious believers help victims of war.

4 mark questions

- **Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about whether countries should possess weapons of mass destruction.** In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain (Christianity) and one other religious tradition.
- Explain two similar religious beliefs about pacifism. In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions
- **Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about weapons of mass destruction.** In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain (Christianity) and one other religious tradition.

5 mark questions

- Explain two reasons why religious believers should help victims of war. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two religious beliefs about helping victims of war. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two religious beliefs about war. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two religious beliefs about peace. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two religious beliefs about justice. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two religious beliefs about forgiveness. Refer to scripture in your answer.

12 mark questions

- **'The just war theory is the best religious response to whether it is right to fight'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'The best way to bring about world peace is for more individuals to become pacifists'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'There can be no such thing as a just war, because the innocent always suffer'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'Terrorism is never right'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'It is always wrong for religious believers to protest violently'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'Religious people should always forgive those who do wrong to them'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'There are no good reasons for countries to possess nuclear weapons.'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'War is never right.'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.

Example Questions

Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment

2 mark questions

- Give two different causes of crime
- Give two religious beliefs about forgiveness.
- Give two examples of religious moral laws which some criminals break.

4 mark questions

- **Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about whether the death penalty should exist in the UK.** In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain (Christianity) and one other religious tradition.
- **Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about corporal punishment.** In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain (Christianity) and one other religious tradition.
- **Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about using the death penalty as a punishment.** In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain (Christianity) and one other religious tradition.
- **Explain two similar religious beliefs about people who break the law.** In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.
- **Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about the death penalty for murder.** In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain (Christianity) and one other religious tradition.

5 mark questions

- Explain two reasons why Christians believe reformation is the best aim of punishment. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two religious beliefs about reasons why some people commit crimes. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two religious beliefs about the treatment of offenders. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two religious beliefs about the death penalty. Refer to scripture in your answer.

12 mark questions

- **'It is right to forgive all offenders whoever they are and whatever they have done'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'It is never right to execute a murderer'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'Religious believers should never agree with corporal punishment'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'A life sentence should mean life in prison'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'It is the religious duty of all victims to forgive'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'Protecting people from criminals is the most important aim of punishment'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'Following a religion prevents evil from happening'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'Reformation is the best aim of punishment.'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **'Corporal punishment can never be justified.'** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.

Example Questions

Theme F: Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice

2 mark questions

- Give two of the causes of poverty
- Give two examples of human right that the Cairo Declaration of Human Rights aimed to protect
- Give two religious beliefs about how women should be treated within religion.
- Give two examples of what religious believers would see as exploitation of the poor.

4 mark questions

- **Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about what role women should be allowed in worship.** In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain (Christianity) and one other religious tradition.
- **Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about the uses of wealth.** In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain (Christianity) and one other religious tradition.
- Explain two similar religious beliefs about the freedom of religion and belief. In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.
- **Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about the right of freedom of belief.** In your answer you should refer to the main religious tradition of Great Britain (Christianity) and one other religious tradition.

5 mark questions

- Explain two religious beliefs about social justice. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two religious beliefs about the right use of wealth. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- Explain two religious beliefs about the status of women in religion. Refer to scripture in your answer.

12 mark questions

- **‘All religious believers must give to charities to help the poor’** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **‘Racism is the worst form of prejudice’** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **‘Women are not treated as equals within religion’** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **‘Religious believers should do more to help the poor’** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **‘The work of charities is the solution to poverty’** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **‘Religious believers should fight racism more than other forms of prejudice’** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **‘Those who live in poverty should help themselves to overcome their difficulties.’** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.
- **‘It is always right to give charity to the poor.’** Evaluate this statement. Give arguments for and against this statement and religious teachings.