

Christian Beliefs and Teachings

Personalised Learning Checklist

MUST know

USEFUL to know (links to the musts)

Topics	Key beliefs are and why they are important	How the belief INFLUENCES Christians
The 'nature' of God - his characteristics - omnipotent, loving and just		
The 'nature' of God - The problem of evil and suffering		
The 'nature' of God - the oneness of God and the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.		
The creation of the world - The role of The Father, The Word and the Spirit (must know John 1:1-3 and Genesis 1:1-3)		
The incarnation of Jesus as the Son of God		
The crucifixion of Jesus		
The resurrection and ascension of Jesus		
Life after death - including: resurrection and life after death; judgement, heaven and hell, and their importance		
Original sin		
Salvation (inc. law, grace and Spirit)		
The role of Christ in salvation including the idea of atonement.		

Example 4 and 5 Markers (based on green topics)

- Explain two ways in which belief in _____ influences Christians today. [4 marks]
- Explain two Christian beliefs about _____. Refer to sacred writings or another source of Christian belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]

Put any of the following topics into the space in any of the questions above:

- The nature of God
- The Trinity
- The Father
- The Son
- The Holy Spirit
- Creation
- The role of the Word in creation
- The role of the Spirit in creation
- John 1:1-3
- Genesis 1:1-3
- Resurrection
- Life after death
- Judgement
- Heaven
- Hell
- Crucifixion
- Resurrection
- Ascension
- Salvation
- Atonement

Example 12 Markers (based on green topics)

BELIEF 12 MARKERS WILL ALWAYS INCLUDE 3 MARKS FOR SPAG

Each of the statements below would be in quotation marks and will be followed by:
Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- 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.

- It is impossible to understand the nature of God.
- If the trinity exists, God is not one.
- The trinity clearly explains the nature of God to Christians.
- The most important person of the trinity is Jesus.
- The Father is the most important person in the holy trinity
- The Bible is all that is needed for Christians to understand creation.
- The Father alone was involved in creation
- The role of the Spirit in creation was insignificant
- A belief in the afterlife is not important in Christianity.
- Life after death is impossible.
- There is no such thing as heaven.
- Hell is incompatible with Christian teachings.
- Getting to heaven is the most important goal in Christianity
- All Christians will go to heaven
- The crucifixion was the most important event in Jesus' life for Christians.
- The resurrection was the most important event in Jesus' life for Christians.
- The ascension was the most important event in Jesus' life for Christians.
- Salvation from sin is the most important belief for Christians today.
- Salvation is God's greatest gift.
- Salvation is impossible if you don't follow God's laws/teachings.
- The best means of salvation is through law
- Atoning for the sins of Christians was Jesus' greatest act.

Christian Practices

Personalised Learning Checklist

MUST know

USEFUL to know (links to the musts)

Christian Practices (remember this links closely to Christian Beliefs and Teachings)	WHAT it is	WHY they use/do it
Role and meaning of sacraments		
The sacrament of baptism and its significance for Christians		
Infant Baptism and different beliefs about it		
Believers Baptism		
The role and importance of Christmas inc. the importance for Christians in Great Britain today		
The role and importance of Easter inc. the importance for Christians in Great Britain today		
Place of mission, evangelism and Church growth		
Importance of the worldwide Church - working for reconciliation		
Importance of the worldwide Church - response to persecution		

Example 4 and 5 Markers (based on green topics)

- Explain two similar EXAMPLES/WAYS/BELIEFS about _____. [4 marks]
- Explain two contrasting EXAMPLES/WAYS about _____. [4 marks]

- Explain two ways Christian's _____. Refer to sacred writings or another source of Christian belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]

Put any of the following topics into the space in any of the questions above:

- Sacraments
- Baptism
- Infant baptism
- Believers baptism
- Festivals
- Christmas
- Easter
- Place of mission
- Evangelism
- Church growth
- Reconciliation
- Responding to persecution

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Evaluate this statement.

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- reach a justified conclusion.

- All Christians should celebrate the sacraments in the same way.
- There is no point in celebrating the sacraments.
- It is better to be baptised as an infant, than an adult.
- Children should decide for themselves if they want to become Christian.
- You are not part of the Church unless you are baptised.
- Festivals are the best way to show devotion to God.
- Festivals are a waste of time.
- It is better for a Christian to celebrate Christmas than Easter
- Christmas is not important in Great Britain today.
- Easter is the most important Christian celebration.
- Easter is more important than Christmas.
- Christians need festivals, such as Christmas and Easter, to help them remember the life of Jesus.
- All Christians should practice evangelism.
- Without evangelism and mission the Church would not grow.
- Christian churches must work to stop persecution.
- Working for reconciliation is the most important work of the worldwide Church.

Islamic Beliefs & Teachings

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Islamic Beliefs and Teachings	Key beliefs are and why they are important	How the belief INFLUENCES Muslims
Tawhid, including Surah 112		
The nature of God - omnipotence, beneficence, mercy, fairness and justice/Adalat in Shi'a Islam		
The nature of God - different ideas about God's relationship with the world: immanence and transcendence		
Revelation and authority of holy books – Qur'an		
Revelation and authority of holy books – Torah, Psalms, Gospels, Scrolls of Abraham		
Nature and role of angels – Jibril and Mika'il		
Akhirah, human responsibility, human accountability, resurrection, Day of Judgement, Jannah and Jahannam		
Risalah and Prophethood – role and importance of Adam, Ibrahim and Muhammad		
The role and significance of the Imamate in Shi'a Islam		

Example 4 and 5 Markers (based on green topics)

- Explain two ways in which belief in _____ influences Muslims today. [4 marks]
- Explain two Muslim beliefs about _____. Refer to sacred writings or another source of Muslim belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]

Put any of the following topics into the space in any of the questions above:

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| ● Nature of God | ● Risalah |
| ● God's omnipotence | ● Importance of Adam |
| ● God's beneficence | ● Importance of Ibrahim |
| ● God's mercy | ● Importance of Muhammad |
| ● God's fairness | ● Holy Books |
| ● God's justice | ● Qur'an |
| ● Adalat | ● The Torah |
| ● God's immanence | ● Psalms |
| ● God's transcendence | ● Gospels |
| ● Angels | ● Scrolls of Abraham |
| ● Angel Jibril | ● Imamate |
| ● Angel Mika'il | |

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- To describe God as ‘omnipotent’ is the best way to understand God.
 - The most important quality of God is his beneficence
 - God is always just
 - For a Muslim, believing that Allah is all-powerful is not important.
 - The best way of understanding God is to describe God as transcendent.
 - God cannot be both transcendent and immanent
 - Without angels, Islam would not exist.
 - Angels are not necessary to communicate with God
 - Angel Jibril is the most important Angel in Islam
 - For Muslims, Adam is a more important Prophet than Ibrahim.
 - For Muslims, following the examples of the Prophets is more important than any other belief.
 - Adam is just as important a prophet as Muhammad.
 - Ibrahim is the perfect role model for Muslims.
 - The best way for Muslims to learn about their faith is by learning the Qur’an.
 - The Qur’an is not more important than other Muslim holy books.
 - The Qur’an contains all the guidance that Muslims need to live a perfect Muslim life
 - For Muslims following the example of Muhammad is more important than following the teachings of the Qur’an.
 - The imamate is the most important source of authority in Shi’a Islam

Islamic Practices

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Islamic Practices	WHAT it is	WHY they use/do it
Five Pillars of Sunni Islam and the Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam		
Shahadah: declaration of faith and its place in Muslim practice.		
Salah and its significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how and why Muslims pray including times, directions, ablution (wudu), movements (rak'ahs) and recitations; - salah in the home and mosque and elsewhere; - Friday prayer: Jumah; key differences in the practice of salah in Sunni and Shi'a Islam, and different Muslim views about the importance of prayer 		
Zakah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the role and significance of giving alms including origins, - how and why it is given, - benefits of receipt, - Khums in Shi'a Islam. 		
Hajj: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the role and significance of the pilgrimage to Makkah including origins, - how hajj is performed, - the actions pilgrims perform at sites including the Ka'aba at Makkah, Mina, Arafat, Muzdalifah and their significance. 		
Jihad: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - different understandings of jihad: the meaning and significance of greater and lesser jihad; - origins, influence and conditions for the declaration of lesser jihad. 		
Festivals and commemorations and their importance for Muslims in Great Britain today, including the origins and meanings of Id-ul-Adha, Id-ul-Fitr, Ashura.		

Example 4 and 5 Markers (based on green topics)

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- Explain two contrasting EXAMPLES/WAYS about _____. [4 marks]
- Explain two ways Muslims _____. Refer to sacred writings or another source of Muslim belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]

Put any of the following topics into the space in any of the questions above:

- Salah
- Ablution
- Rak'ah's
- Recitations
- Jummah
- Salah in the home
- Salah in the mosque
- Zakah
- Khums in Shi'a Islam
- Hajj
- Makkah
- Ka'ba
- Mina
- Arafat
- Muzdalifah
- Greater Jihad
- Lesser Jihad
- Festivals
- Id-ul-Adha
- Id-UI-Fitr
- Ashura

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- Salah is more beneficial than going on hajj
 - Salah is the most difficult of the Five Pillars for Muslims to follow
 - The best way for Muslims to understand God is to practise Salah
 - Salah without wudu is pointless
 - Salah in the mosque is better than salah at home
 - Jummah is the most important prayer
 - Zakah is the most important pillar of Islam
 - Zakah is the most beneficial pillar of Islam
 - Khums is unnecessary if you give Zakah
 - Completing Hajj is the most important duty for a Muslim.
 - Going to Arafat, is the most important part of Hajj
 - Jihad is not a central belief to Islam
 - Jihad should not be understood in terms of holy war.
 - Greater jihad is harder to follow than lesser jihad in today's world.
 - Ashura should be the main festival for Muslims
 - Id-ul-Fitr should be made an official public holiday in Britain.
 - Id-ul-Fitr and Id-ul-Adhr are equally important festivals
 - Muslims should spend their time doing better things than celebrating festivals