**CHRISTIANITY**

**AQA RS Syllabus A**

**Beliefs and Teachings**

**Key Beliefs**

* The nature of God – inc. Trinity
* Different beliefs about Creation
* The Afterlife – resurrection, judgement

**Jesus Christ and Salvation**

* The incarnation
* Crucifixion, resurrection an ascension
* Sin, original sin
* Salvation, law, grace and Spirit
* Salvation and Atonement

**Practices**

**Worship and festivals**

* Different forms of worship
* Prayer and its significance
* Role and meaning of the sacraments
* Eucharist/Holy communion
* Role and importance of Pilgrimage (Lourdes and Iona)
* Festivals

**The role of the church in the local and worldwide community**

* Food banks, street pastors
* Mission Evangelism and church growth
* Worldwide
	+ Reconciliation
	+ Persecution
	+ CAFOD/Christian Aid/TearFund

**ISLAM**

**Beliefs and Teachings**

**Key Beliefs**

* Six articles of faith (Sunni) and five roots of Usulad-Din (Shia)
* Oneness of God (Tawhid)
* Nature of God
* Angels – nature and role
* Predestination/Freedom – Day of Judgement
* Life after death (Akhirah) – accountability, resurrection, heaven and hell

**Authority**

* Prophet hood (RI Salah)
* Holy books
	+ Quran
	+ Torah/Psalms/Gospels/Scrolls of Abraham
* The Imamate in Shia Islam

**Practices**

**Worship**

* Five Pillars of Sunni and Ten obligatory Acts (Shia) inc Five Pillars and Jihad
* Shahadah

**Duties and Festivals**

* Zakah
* Hajj
* Jihad (greater and lesser)
* Festivals and importance to UK Muslims
	+ Id-ul-Adha
	+ Id-ul-Fitr
	+ Ashura

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| **THEMES CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM**  |
| **A** | **B** | **D** | **E** |
| **Relationships and Families** | **Religion and Life** | **Religion, Peace and Conflict** | **Religion, Crime and Punishment** |
| Sex, Marriage and Divorce* Straight & Gay
* Promiscuity
* Contraception
* Nature/purpose of marriage
* Divorce
* Ethical Arguments – divorce, marriage vows, compassion.

Families & Gender Equality * Role of parents and children
* Extended/nuclear families

Purpose of families * Procreation
* Children
* Education

Contemporary Issues * Same-sex parents
* Polygamy

Roles of men & women Gender EqualityGender prejudice & discrimination  | Origins and value of the universe * Variety of religious and scientific views on origins
* Stewardship (dominion) awe and wonder
* Environmental issues
* Use and abuse of animals

The Origins and Value of Human Life* Different views on the origin of life. Relationship between scientific – religious views e.g evolution
* Sanctity of life
* Abortion
* Quality of life
* Euthanasia
* Death & afterlife
 | Contrasting beliefs on: * Violence
* Weapons of mass destruction
* Pacifism

Religion, violence, terrorism and war.* The meaning and significance of:
	+ Peace
	+ Justice
	+ Forgiveness
	+ reconciliation
* Violence, including violent protest
* Terrorism
* Reasons for war, including greed, self-defence and retaliation.
* The Just War theory.
* Holy War
* Pacifism

Religion and Belief in 21st Century * Religion as a cause of conflict
* Nuclear weapons and deterrence
* Religions and Peace-making
 | Corporal Punishment, Death Penalty and Forgiveness Religion, crime and the causes of crime. * Good & evil intentions
* Reasons for crime and different views on how to respond

Religion and punishment * Aims of punishment
* Treatment of criminals
* Forgiveness
* Death Penalty
* Principle of utility and the Sanctity of Life.
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