**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 Equality  Gender 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. |