

The

Ultimate Super Dooper

Religious Education

Revision Guide

...Dont leave home without it!!!

How to Answer a GCSE Question:

Each of the 4 questions you choose to answer on the 4 topics we have chosen will be broken down into (a) (b) (c) and (d) type questions.

Below it shows you what the questions look like and more importantly how to answer them.

The A question - The simplest form of knowledge appears in the (a) part of the question and ask you to give the meaning of a keyword. Its easy!!!

Partially Correct	One Mark
Fully Correct	Two Marks

The B question - Here is a typical (b) question which asks for your opinion and **two** reasons to support it

"Do you think Prayer is a waste of time?"

*Do you agree? Give **two** reasons for your point of view (4)*

Level 1	*Your opinion and brief reason	1 mark
Level 2	*Your opinion and two brief reasons	2 marks
Level 3	*Your opinion and ONE brief reason and ONE expanded reason	3 marks
Level 4	*Your opinion and TWO expanded reasons	4 marks

The C question - This question carries the most marks on the paper. You are asked to explain RELIGIOUS beliefs and teachings. REMEMBER - these are worth 40% of your total mark! Here is a typical question you might expect to see on the exam paper.

Explain how a religious upbringing icon lead to belief in God. (8)

Level 1	*One brief reason that <u>describes</u> the issue	1 - 2 marks
Level 2	*Two brief reasons *One expanded reason	3 - 4 marks
Level 3	*One fully developed reason *Two reasons with ONE fully developed	5 - 6 marks
Level 4	*Two expanded reasons *Three reasons with ONE fully developed	7 - 8 marks

The D question - Here you are asked your opinion about something and then what people who disagree with you think.

"Evil and suffering proves that God does not exist"

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion (3)

Explain why some people may disagree with you (3)

This is how the examiner will be looking to mark your answer for both parts (i) and (ii)

Level 1	One brief reason	1 mark
Level 2	One expanded reason Or Two brief reasons	2 marks
Level 3	Two expanded reasons Three brief reasons	3 marks

The marking grid shows that it is worth giving at least two reasons to support your view, and the more you can explain them the better your answer will be!

Remember to include religious belief and ideas (if you don't you can NOT get more than 4 marks!

Top Tips for SUCCESS

1. Include **RELIGIOUS** quotes whenever you can...The examiner will love it... If you really can't remember any...use the **EMERGENCY QUOTE**...



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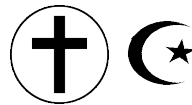
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2. Learn **ALL KEY WORDS** carefully. If you know and understand what the words mean then you're halfway there. Come up with rhymes, songs, stories...anything that will help you remember the word and its **MEANING**...

Remember these make up 10% of your exam marks!!!



3. **REMEMBER**... We have **ONLY** looked at **TWO** religions. **CHRISTIANITY** and **ISLAM**. You **SHOULD NOT** be writing about any others. In some units we only looked at **CHRISTIANITY** but looked at different groups within it (Roman Catholic/Church of England).



4. Keep your **EYE ON THE TIME**.

DON'T WRITE OUT THE QUESTION (this only wastes time, you are telling the examiner what they already know)... Look at how many marks its worth and only write enough to get those marks—**NO MORE!**



5. Read **ALL** the questions before you start.

It is important that you work out what questions you can get the **MOST MARKS** from. The best way to do this is to read all the questions carefully and then decide the **FOUR** questions you are going to answer (**remember it MUST be ONE from each section**).



6. Watch the **NEWS**...

Try to use current day events as examples in your answers. The best way to do this is to watch the news or to read a newspaper.

7. **KNOW 5 OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS**...The 10 commandments are handy to **QUOTE** when answering **ANY** of the exam questions relating to **CHRISTIANITY** (**DO NOT** quote them when answering a question on **ISLAM**) The 5 most helpful ones are...



1. Honour your mother and father
2. Do not murder
3. Do not commit adultery
4. Do not steal
5. Do not lie



SECTION 1 *Marriage and the family*

KEY WORDS



Adultery

A sexual act between a married person and someone other than their marriage partner

Civil Partnership

A legal ceremony giving a homosexual couple the same legal rights as a husband and wife

Cohabitation

Living together without being married

Contraception

Intentionally preventing pregnancy from occurring

Faithfulness

Staying with your marriage partner and having sex with only them



Homosexuality

Sexual attraction to people of the same sex

Nuclear Family

Mother, Father and children living as a unit

Pre-marital sex

Sex before marriage

Procreation

Making a new life

Promiscuity

Having sex with a number of partners without commitment

Re-constituted family

When two sets of children (stepbrothers and sisters) become one family when their divorced parents marry each other



Topic	Details
Changing Attitudes	Marriage, Divorce, The Family, Homosexuality, Family Life, Sex outside marriage—How have societies attitude to these things changed from the past?
Purpose of Marriage, Civil Partnerships and Divorce	Islam and Christianity—What is the purpose of marriage? What do they think about divorce? Do they agree with homosexuality?
Homosexuality and Civil Partnerships	Islam and Christianity—Do they agree with homosexuality?
Contraception	The Pill, Barrier method, Injection, Sterilisation, Vasectomy, IUD, Abortion, sex outside marriage, abstinence—What do Christians and Muslims think about sex and contraception?

SECTION 1

Marriage and the family

Changing attitudes to marriage and family life...

In the UK in the 1960's

- It was expected that sex was to only happen within marriage.
- Most people married young.
- Most people married in the church.
- Marriage was for life.
- All families were NUCLEAR FAMILIES (see key words :-)).
- Homosexuality was illegal.

HOW HAVE ATTITUDES CHANGED?

- Most people have sex before marriage.
- Many couples COHABIT (live together) before marriage.
- People are getting married later in life.
- Most marriage DO NOT take place in a church.
- DIVORCE is seen as a normal part of life and more common.
- Single parent families and RE-CONSTITUTED FAMILIES (see key words :-)) are more common.
- Homosexuality is now legal and is seen as the same as heterosexuality by many.
- Homosexual couples can now join legally by having a CIVIL PARTNERSHIP.

COHABITATION AND MARRIAGE

- CONTRACEPTION made it easier to have sex before marriage
- Fewer people go to church so less are bothered about church teachings or marrying in church.
- The media and celebrities made COHABITATION and PRE-MARITAL SEX look acceptable and so it became popular.

DIVORCE

- New laws made DIVORCE easier and cheaper.
- Equality for women meant that they would no longer accept poor treatment from men (they could now seek a divorce).
- Women are now more financially independent so don't need to stay married to their husbands for stability.
- People are living longer and are therefore married for longer.

REASONS FOR THE CHANGES

FAMILY LIFE

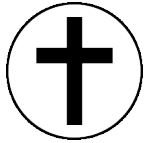
- The popularity of COHABITATION means that many parents remain unmarried.
- The increase in divorce has led to an increase in RE-MARRIAGE so there are more RE-CONSTRUCTED FAMILIES.
- More parents go out to work so children are left with minders or grandparents.
- The acceptance of divorce and unmarried mothers means more single parent families.

HOMOSEXUALITY

- Changes in the law have made it easier to be openly homosexual.
- Medical research has shown homosexuality to be natural—leading to more equal rights.
- Media coverage of gay celebrities has led to a greater acceptance of gay people.
- The work of gay rights organisations has led to greater acceptance and equal rights

SECTION 1 *Marriage and the family*

Sex outside of marriage...



Christian views...



Most Christians believe sex outside of marriage is wrong because...

- God gave sex for PROCREATION of children—who should be brought up in a stable Christian family environment were the mother and father are married.
- The bible says sex outside of marriage is sinful.
- All Christians are against ADULTERY—“**THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY**” is one of the ten commandments.
- ADULTERY goes against the vows made in the wedding service.
- Jesus was against ADULTERY!



Some Christians accept that couples may live together before marriage, but only as part of a long term relationship leading to marriage!



Muslim views...



Muslims believe sex outside marriage is wrong because...

- It is forbidden by the Qur'an and this is the word of Allah.
- Muslim law (Shari'ah law) says that sex should only take place in marriage.
- Sex is for PROCREATION of children who should be raised in a stable family were their mother and father are married.
- ADULTERY is forbidden by Allah in the Qur'an.
- ADULTERY breaks the marriage contract.
- ADULTERY is likely to harm the family and this is forbidden by Allah in the Qur'an.



SECTION 1 *Marriage and the family* CONTRACEPTION...

NATURAL	ARTIFICIAL
Rhythm Method, Abstinence	Condom, The Pill, The Coil, Sterilisation, Morning after Pill, Cervical Cap, Implant



Christian views...

There are TWO main attitudes...



ROMAN CATHOLIC

Contraception is NOT ALLOWED because..

- The pope said it is forbidden—only natural forms are allowed.
- Sex is for PROCREATION not pleasure.
- It leads to sexual PROMESCURITY (see key words :-)), broken families, divorce and STI's.
- Some forms of contraception bring about a very early abortion.

OTHER CHRISTIANS

Contraception is ALLOWED because..

- It protects health and improves standard of living.
- God created sex for enjoyment—to strengthen love and marriage.
- There is nothing in the bible that forbids the use of contraception.



Muslim views...



SOME MUSLIMS...

Contraception is NOT ALLOWED because..

- The Qur'an says "YOU SHOULD NOT KILL YOUR CHILDREN FOR FEAR OF WANT" - this means contraception is forbidden.
- God created sex for having children.
- It is the duty of Muslims to have large families.
- Some forms of contraception act as an early form of abortion.

OTHER MUSLIMS...

Contraception is ALLOWED because..

- The prophet Muhammad allowed it.
- The Qur'an says it does not place extra burdens on its followers—contraception stops extra burdens.
- If pregnancy risks the mothers health—she must be put first so contraception is allowed.



SECTION 1 *Marriage and the family*

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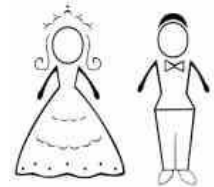
Christian views...



Christians believe marriage to be a GIFT from God, but they do not have to marry. Christians see marriage as an image of Jesus Christ's relationship to the church.

Christians believe the purpose of marriage is:-

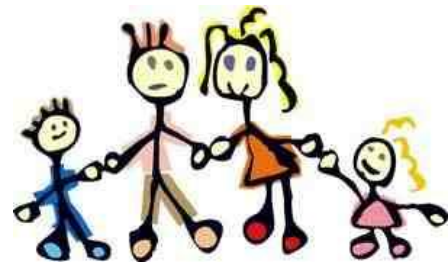
- Companionship and comfort (to live together in love)
- To have lawful sex (in the eyes of God)
- To bring up children (create a Christian family)



A Christian couple will make a number of promises to each other during the act of marriage, these include → TO LOVE, COMFORT, HONOUR, PROTECT, TO FORSAKE OTHERS, TO BE FAITHFUL UNTIL DEATH.

Family life is important because...

- It is the main purpose of marriage.
- Family was created by God.
- It teaches children right from wrong.
- It continues the Christian faith.



Muslim views...



In Islam marriage is viewed as the second most important thing after faith. All Muslims are expected to marry because the prophet Muhammad was married.

Muslims believe the purpose of marriage is:-

- To follow the example of Muhammad
- To share a life of love
- To have children and bring them up as good Muslims
- To have legal sex (in the eyes of Allah).



Muslim marriages are usually ARRANGED in that the couple are introduced through family or friends. Islam allows men to marry up to four wives (POLYGAMY). However this is not allowed in Britain because it is against British law. Marriage in Islam is a CONTRACT rather than an exchange of vows.

Family life is important because...

- Muslim parents will be judged by Allah on how they have brought up their children.
- Family life will decide whether a Muslim will go to paradise.
- Family was created by Allah (this is taught in the Qur'an)
- It teaches children right from wrong.



SECTION 1 *Marriage and the family*

D **i** **v** **o** **r** **c** **e** **...**



Christian views...



There are three main attitudes...

ROMAN CATHOLICS

DIVORCE IS NOT ALLOWED BECAUSE...

Jesus taught that divorce was wrong—**“What God has joined together let no man separate.”**

The couple have made promises (a covenant) with God and this cannot be broken.

Re-marriage would be seen as bigamy and adultery.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

DIVORCE IS ALLOWED IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES ...

It may be the **'Lesser of two evils'** - making the couple stay married may be more evil than allowing divorce.

To re-marry in the church remorse must be shown and a vicar must agree.



FREE CHURCHES

DIVORCE IS ALLOWED BECAUSE...

Once the love has died so has the marriage.

Jesus allowed divorce in **Matthew 19:9**

It is better to have a divorce than live in hatred and argue.

Re-marriage is allowed because a marriage should always start in the church.



Muslim views...



There are two main attitudes...

SOME MUSLIMS...

Divorce is NOT ALLOWED because..

- Muhammad said it is **'the most hated of lawful things'**.
- Most marriage are arranged by the family so divorce goes against family wishes.
- Muslims believe they will be sent to hell if they harm their children and divorce is likely to do this.
- The Qur'an teaches that families should try to rescue the marriage before divorce.

MOST MUSLIMS...

Divorce is ALLOWED because..



- The Qur'an allows divorce and sets out the terms and conditions for it.
- Muslim (Shari'ah) law allows divorce.
- Most Muslims believe **lesser evil** than making a couple live in hatred or bitterness.
- Marriage is a contract in Islam and divorce is mentioned in this contract.

SECTION 1 *Marriage and the family* Homosexuality...



Christian views...



ROMAN CATHOLICS

BEING HOMOSEXUAL IS NOT A SIN BUT HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY IS BECAUSE...

Sex is for making children.



The Bible says this kind of activity is wrong—**“man should not lay with another man”**.

It is recognise that people cannot control their sexual orientation but can control how they act upon it—people should not act on these feelings.

LIBERAL PROTESTANTS

BEING HOMOSEXUAL IS TOLERATED BECAUSE...

The bible is outdated and is a reflection of the views at that time—it is not the direct word of God.

A major Christian belief is love and acceptance so homosexuality should be accepted.

Christianity teaches that people should be open and honest so should not lie about their sexual orientation.



Muslim views...



MOST MUSLIMS... (MAJORITY)

DO NOT ALLOW homosexuality because..

- The Qur'an says it is wrong and this is the word of Allah.
- Muhammad said it was wrong.
- Allah says in the Qur'an that the only form of lawful sex is between a man and a woman.
- Sex is for making children and homosexual sex cannot allow this.
- All Muslims should try and have a family and homosexual couples do not do this.

SOME MUSLIMS... (MINORITY)

ALLOW homosexuality because...

- Islam is a religion of tolerance not hate.
- Allah created and loves all his people no matter what sexuality they are.
- Science has proven that homosexuality is natural therefore Allah must have created people this way.



SECTION 1 *Marriage and the family* Influence of the media...

Think of examples from TV shows and films that portray marriage and family life. Think about how they show these things to be...

You could use examples from...
EASTENDERS, HOLLYOAKS, EAST IS EAST,
SKINS, SHAMELESS, THE SIMPSONS

How are they portrayed...

Family in the media

Often in the media, marriage and stable family life are not seen as something that is important.



Marriage in the media

Portrayed as being trivial and as something that can be ended quickly with few consequences e.g. A Birmingham Radio Station held a competition called 'Two Strangers and a Wedding'. The couple separated 8 months later.



Children in the media

Children, often teenagers are portrayed in the media as unruly and unwilling to listen to their parents.

Upbringing in the media

We rarely see a child who is willing to study hard, gain good exam results and then go on to be a successful adult - although this is how the majority of children behave. We are more likely to see an abused and neglected child who is unloved and uncared for by their parents.



How do these media stereotypes influence people?...

Family

Majority of families are traditionally nuclear families with children. Many families are portrayed as having suffered domestic violence, adultery and various other factors join to make the family unable to continue and they end up separating. Rarely do we see a family struggling to make the marriage work or the effects that a divorce can have upon the children.

Children

Children are given the idea that other people their ages are constantly fighting with their parents, being neglected and abused and generally struggling to survive. Sometimes programmes will put a helpline at the end of the show, which may help families that are suffering distress.



Marriage

Images of marriage and family convince us that an 'ordinary' family is the exception: that parents are often committing adultery, fighting and arguing when in reality many families experience peaceful lives together.



SECTION 1 *Marriage and the family*

Practice exam papers...

(A) What is promiscuity? (2 marks)

(B) Do you think sex outside marriage is wrong?
Give TWO reasons for your point of view. (4 Marks)

(C) Choose one other religion apart from Christianity and say why some of its believers agree with divorce and some do not. (8 Marks)

(D) 'Civil partnerships are a good idea'

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion (3 Marks)

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3 Marks)

TOTAL 20 Marks

(A) What is faithfulness?

(B) Do you think Christians should have sex before marriage?
Give TWO reasons for your point of view. (4 Marks)

(C) Explain why some Christians allow divorce and remarriage and others do not. (8 Marks)

(D) 'Religious people should not use contraceptives.'

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion (3 Marks)

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3 Marks)

TOTAL 20 Marks

(A) What is procreation?

(B) Do you think religious people can be homosexual?
Give TWO reasons for your point of view. (4 Marks)

(C) Explain why attitudes to divorce and marriage have changed. (8 Marks)

(D) 'Living together is just as good as being married.'

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion (3 Marks)

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3 Marks)

TOTAL 20 Marks

Revision exercises

• Odd One Out •

Circle the ODD ONE OUT and include an explanation underneath.

THEIST

ATHEIST

HOLOCAUST

9/11

AGNOSTIC

TSUNAMI

PERSONAL

IMPERSONAL

FREE-WILL

TEST

TRANSCENDENT

PUNISHMENT

PALEY

DESIGN

BIBLE

VISION

AQUINAS

WORSHIP

Revision exercises

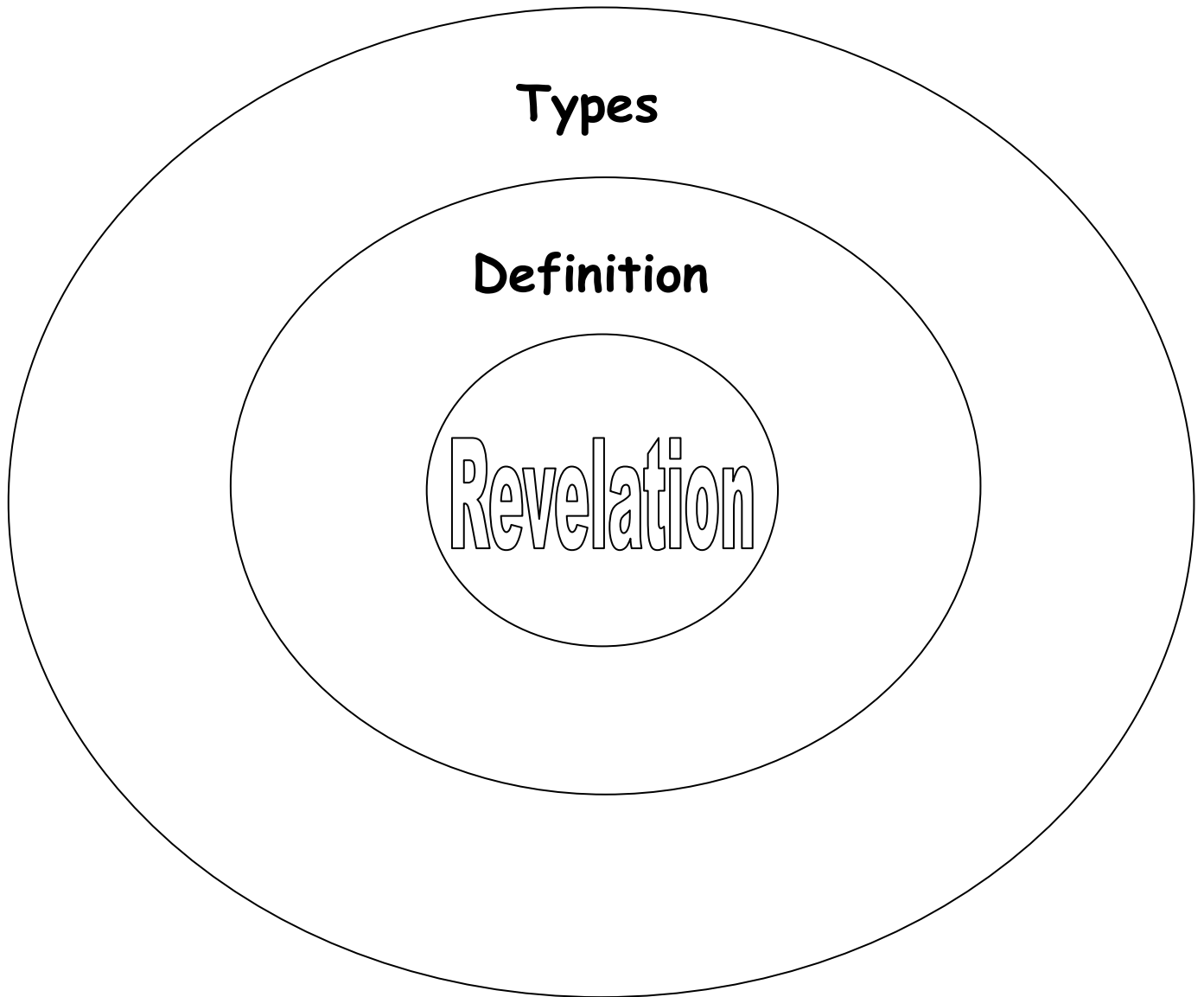
Revelation Ripple...

Examples

Types

Definition

Revelation



What's the FORMULA?

Revision exercise

A good way to remember key information and key words is to use a formula.

Fill in the spaces to complete the formulas below.

William Paley	+	_____	+	
_____	+	_____		=

_____	+	_____	+	
_____	-	Atheists		= Revelation

_____	+	_____	+	
_____	-	_____		= General Revelation

_____	+	_____	+	
_____	-	_____		= Special Revelation

Father	+	_____	+	
_____	-	Polytheism		=

Darwin	+	_____	+	
_____	-	_____		=

Revision exercises

Expand the word...

The First Cause Argument

Explain using ONE word

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Explain using FIVE words

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Explain using TEN words

Revision exercises

TOPIC	KEY WORDS	FACT / PERSON	CHRISTIAN TEACHING	CHRISTIAN TEACHING	MUSLIM TEACHING	MUSLIM TEACHING	QUOTE / THING TO REMEMBER