

## Chapter 1: Christianity: Beliefs and teachings

- 1.1 The nature of God
- 1.2 God as omnipotent, loving and just
- 1.3 The Oneness of God and the Trinity
- 1.4 Different Christian beliefs about Creation
- 1.5 The incarnation and Jesus, the Son of God
- 1.6 The crucifixion
- 1.7 The resurrection and ascension
- 1.8 Resurrection and life after death
- 1.9 The afterlife and judgement
- 1.10 Heaven and hell
- 1.11 Sin and salvation
- 1.12 The role of Christ in salvation

## Chapter 2: Christianity: Practices

- 2.1 Worship
- 2.2 Prayer
- 2.3 The sacraments: Baptism
- 2.4 The sacraments: Holy Communion
- 2.5 Celebrating Holy Communion
- 2.6 Pilgrimage
- 2.7 Celebrating festivals
- 2.8 The role of the Church in the local community: Food banks
- 2.9 The role of the Church in the local community: Street Pastors
- 2.10 The place of mission and evangelism
- 2.11 Church growth
- 2.12 The importance of the worldwide Church
- 2.13 Christian persecution
- 2.14 The Church's response to world poverty

## Chapter 3: Islam: Beliefs and teachings

- 3.1 The Oneness of God and the supremacy of God's will
- 3.2 Key beliefs of Sunni Islam and Shi'a Islam
- 3.3 The nature of God
- 3.4 Angels
- 3.5 Predestination
- 3.6 Life after death
- 3.7 Prophethood and Adam
- 3.8 Ibrahim
- 3.9 Muhammad and the Imamate
- 3.10 The holy books in Islam

## Chapter 4: Islam: Practices

- 4.1 The Five Pillars, the Ten Obligatory Acts and the Shahadah
- 4.2 Salah: the daily prayers (1)
- 4.3 Salah: the daily prayers (2)
- 4.4 Sawm: fasting during Ramadan
- 4.5 Zakah: almsgiving
- 4.6 Hajj: pilgrimage – origins and significance
- 4.7 Hajj: pilgrimage – how Hajj is performed
- 4.8 Jihad
- 4.9 The festivals of Id-ul-Fitr and Id-ul-Adha
- 4.10 The festival of Ashura

# Paper Two Thematic Studies

## Chapter 5: Relationships and families.....

- 5.1 Human sexuality.....
- 5.2 Sexual relationships before and outside marriage.....
- 5.3 Contraception and family planning .....
- 5.4 Marriage .....
- 5.5 Divorce and remarriage.....
- 5.6 The nature of families .....
- 5.7 The purpose of families .....
- 5.8 Religious attitudes to gender equality.....

## Chapter 6: Religion and life.....

- 6.1 The origins of the universe.....
- 6.2 The value of the world .....
- 6.3 The use and abuse of the environment, and pollution.....
- 6.4 The use and abuse of animals.....
- 6.5 The origins of human life .....
- 6.6 Abortion .....
- 6.7 Euthanasia.....
- 6.8 Death and the afterlife.....

## Chapter 8: Religion, peace and conflict .....

- 8.1 Introduction to religion, peace and conflict.....
- 8.2 Violence, violent protest and terrorism.....
- 8.3 Reasons for war .....
- 8.4 Nuclear war and weapons of mass destruction.....
- 8.5 The just war .....
- 8.6 Holy war and religion as a cause of violence .....
- 8.7 Pacifism and peacemaking.....
- 8.8 Religious responses to victims of war .....

## Chapter 9: Religion, crime and punishment.....

- 9.1 Crime and punishment.....
- 9.2 Reasons for crime.....
- 9.3 Attitudes to lawbreakers and different types of crime.....
- 9.4 Three aims of punishment.....
- 9.5 Religious attitudes to suffering and causing suffering to others.....
- 9.6 The treatment of criminals – prison, corporal punishment and community service.....
- 9.7 Religious attitudes to forgiveness .....
- 9.8 Religious attitudes to the death penalty.....

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