

Religious Studies GCSE 9-1 Revision

All students should be revising for the Component 1 PPE scheduled for 12th November 2021 and the Component 3 PPE scheduled for Thursday 25th November 2021. Both papers will be full past papers: component 1 comprising of 90 marks in 90 minutes and component 3 comprising of 60 marks in 60 minutes. Students will need to be able to answer 2, 5, 8 and 15 mark questions based on the following topics:

Component 1 Theme 1: Origins and Meanings

- The influence of the concept of imago Dei on Catholic Social Teaching about justice, peace and reconciliation, with reference to Gaudium et Spes 29 & 78
- The extent to which religious art expresses Catholic beliefs about creation, God and human beings
- Different views on the literary form of Genesis and the significance of this for the interpretation of the accounts
- Different beliefs and teachings about the origin and sanctity of human life and the concept of imago Dei
- The relationship between Catholic views, other fundamentalist Christian views and non-religious views about the value of human life, including attitudes toward abortion
- The relationship between Catholic views and other Christian views on the origin of the universe and the extent to which these conflict
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Component 1 Theme 2: Good and Evil

- The importance of sculpture and statuary as an expression of Catholic beliefs about God's goodness and the meaning of human suffering
- Alternative Christian and non-Christian views on the nature and origin of evil and the difference between moral and natural evil
- The example and teaching of Jesus as the authoritative source for moral teaching, with reference to Jesus as the fulfilment of the law in Matthew 5-7
- The meaning and significance of pilgrimage for Catholics as a response to human suffering, with particular reference to Lourdes

Component 3 Theme 1: Judaism Beliefs

- Law-Giver and Judge: Exodus 20:1-15
- Beliefs and teachings about the nature and importance of Pikuach Nefesh (sanctity of life): Genesis 1:26-27, Talmud B Yoma 84b, Psalm 139: 13-15, Jeremiah 1:5
- Different views within Orthodox and Reform Judaism about the nature and role of the Mashiach (Messiah); special person who brings an age of peace, ourselves, his arrival as signalling the end of the world, praying for his coming, concerned more with living life according to the mitzvot

Component 3 Theme 1: Judaism Practices

- Bar Mitzvah: Law and personal responsibility, features of the ceremony
- Worship in the home; siddur, recitation of Shema and Modeh Ani, display of mezuzah. The importance of preparing for and celebrating Shabbat: Exodus 20:8-10
- Keeping kosher in Britain: benefits and challenges

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Students can use the following resources to aid their revision:

GCSE Pod: <https://www.gcsepod.com/>

Seneca Learning: <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

BBC Bitesize:

Revision guides on MS Teams