

AQA Religious Studies summer 2022 Exams Advanced Information

Please note that no advanced information has been supplied from AQA regarding the Paper 2 contents. Therefore students are required to revise all the specification for their thematic paper.

Please find below advanced information regarding paper 1 contents:

8062/13 Christianity

Beliefs and teachings

- The nature of God:
- the oneness of God and the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Different Christian beliefs about creation including the role of Word and Spirit (John 1:1–3 and Genesis 1:1–3).
- Different Christian beliefs about the afterlife and their importance, including: resurrection and life after death; judgement, heaven and hell.
- Beliefs and teachings about:
 - the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension
 - the means of salvation, including law, grace and Spirit
 - the role of Christ in salvation including the idea of atonement.

Practices

- The role and meaning of the sacraments:
 - the sacrament of baptism and its significance for Christians; infant and believers' baptism; different beliefs about infant baptism.
- The role and importance of celebrations including:
 - the celebrations of Christmas and Easter, including their importance for Christians in Great Britain today.

- The place of mission, evangelism and Church growth.
- The importance of the worldwide Church including:
 - working for reconciliation
 - how Christian churches respond to persecution.

8062/14 Hinduism

Beliefs and teachings

- Different understandings of the three features of the divine:
 - everywhere, as non-personal (brahman)
 - within the heart
 - beyond, as a personal loving God.
- Matter (prakriti); the three qualities (tri-guna); illusion (maya); cosmology (Rig Veda 10.129.6–7); the cycle of four ages; many worlds and their diverse inhabitants.
- Cycle of birth and death: samsara; moral action and reaction: the law of karma; types of liberation: moksha.
- Individual free will and responses to suffering; knowledge and ignorance.
- The four aims of human life: dharma, artha, kama, moksha.
- The meaning of dharma; sanatana dharma; varnashrama dharma.

Practices

- Different forms of worship/meditation and their significance: havan, puja, arati, darshan, bhajan/kirtan, japa/mantra.
- Focuses of worship and representations of the divine and their importance:
 - one God (personal or non-personal)
 - the many deities, gurus and other elders
 - holy land, hills and rivers

- sacred plants and animals.
- Sacred festivals and their importance for Hindus in Great Britain today, including the origins and meaning of:
 - Diwali.
 - The work and significance of:
 - Hindu environmental projects including 'cow protection' and their significance.