



Cambridge IGCSE™

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

0490/01

Paper 1 Worship, Beliefs, Scriptures and Sacred Places

For examination from 2025

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 45 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
You must answer from **two** sections.
In each of your chosen sections, you must answer **two** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **4** pages.

Answer **four** questions in total. You must answer from **two** sections.

Section A – Christianity

If you have chosen this section, you must answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) (i) Name **two** leadership roles in the church. [2]
- (ii) Outline features that might be part of a Sunday worship service. [4]
- (b) Explain why it might be important for Christians to worship as a community. [6]
- (c) Evaluate different views on whether clergy are needed for Christian worship. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]
- [Total: 20]
- 2 (a) (i) Give **two** spiritual goals Christians might have when they go on a pilgrimage. [2]
- (ii) Name **two** places that Christian pilgrims might visit in Jerusalem **and** state what some Christians believe happened in those places. [4]
- (b) Explain why Bethlehem is an important site of pilgrimage for some Christians. [6]
- (c) Evaluate the importance of pilgrimage in Christianity. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]
- [Total: 20]
- 3 (a) (i) Give **two** things that Jesus predicted at the Last Supper. [2]
- (ii) Give an account of Jesus praying in Gethsemane. [4]
- (b) Explain why Christians might use the Bible as a source of moral teaching. [6]
- (c) Evaluate the significance of Mary, mother of Jesus, for different groups of Christians. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]
- [Total: 20]

Section B – Islam

If you have chosen this section, you must answer **two** questions.

- 4 (a) (i) Name **two** of the places Muslims visit during the Hajj. [2]
 (ii) Outline what is meant by 'wearing ihram'. [4]
- (b) Explain the significance of stoning the pillars on Hajj. [6]
- (c) Evaluate different views on whether going on Hajj is more significant than the other pillars of Islam.
 You must refer to Islam in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]
- [Total: 20]
- 5 (a) (i) Name **two** of the prayer times for salah. [2]
 (ii) Describe the adhan. [4]
- (b) Explain the significance of the sequence of movements in salah prayer. [6]
- (c) Evaluate different views on whether artefacts are important in Muslim worship.
 You must refer to Islam in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]
- [Total: 20]
- 6 (a) (i) Name **two** of the five roots of Usul ad-Din. [2]
 (ii) Outline what is meant by akhirah **and** mala' ikah. [4]
- (b) Explain the importance of zakah for Muslims. [6]
- (c) Discuss the significance of belief in qadar for Muslim daily life.
 You must refer to Islam in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]
- [Total: 20]

Section C – Judaism

If you have chosen this section, you must answer **two** questions.

- 7 (a) (i) Name **two** people with whom Jews believe G-d made covenants. [2]
(ii) Outline what is meant by the term 'the chosen people'. [4]
- (b) Explain how belief in the covenants affects the daily life of Jews. [6]
- (c) Evaluate whether all mitzvot are still relevant in the modern world.
You must refer to Judaism in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]
- [Total: 20]
- 8 (a) (i) Give **two** reasons Jews might visit the site of the Temple. [2]
(ii) Outline Jewish practices at the Western Wall. [4]
- (b) Explain why a pilgrimage to Yad Vashem might bring spiritual challenges for Jews. [6]
- (c) Evaluate the significance that the Western Wall might have for Jews today.
You must refer to Judaism in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]
- [Total: 20]
- 9 (a) (i) Name **two** features of a synagogue. [2]
(ii) Give **two** artefacts used during Shabbat **and** outline how they are used. [4]
- (b) Explain why some Jews use the mikvah. [6]
- (c) Evaluate the importance of wearing the tallit for Jews in today's world.
You must refer to Judaism in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]
- [Total: 20]

Permission to reproduce items where third-party owned material protected by copyright is included has been sought and cleared where possible. Every reasonable effort has been made by the publisher (Cambridge University Press & Assessment) to trace copyright holders, but if any items requiring clearance have unwittingly been included, the publisher will be pleased to make amends at the earliest possible opportunity.

Cambridge Assessment International Education is part of Cambridge University Press & Assessment. Cambridge University Press & Assessment is a department of the University of Cambridge.