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# **Teacher's Introduction**

I have really enjoyed writing this Gifted and Talented Pack for GCSE AQA A (8062) Religious Studies: Component 1: Christianity.

I have been lucky enough to teach many gifted and talented students during my career. They follow your every word and somehow manage to retain the information in an osmosis-like reaction. They have an insatiable desire to learn different ideas and have the ability to understand and construct complex philosophical arguments.

Having studied philosophy for the past 20 years, I have been able to include some of the most interesting philosophers across the resource, which will give your higher-ability students alternative viewpoints and perspectives.

I know from my own gifted and talented students that they are often so polite that they will not let you know that they are unfulfilled by the standard syllabus. I have to spend time finding relevant articles or other nuggets of information that challenge their fine young minds. The look on their faces when you give them facts about a new philosopher is pure gold.

In this Gifted and Talented Pack, there are 13 articles covering the GCSE AQA A Component 1: Christianity topics. Each article provides challenging conceptual content targeted at gifted and talented students, including deeper-/higher-level philosophical content, as well as references to alternative viewpoints. I must point out that the material provided in the articles is not particularly challenging in terms of reading ability and is not intended to be; therefore, any gifted philosopher – even those who lack confidence or ability in literacy – will still be able to access the articles independently.

## Remember!

Always check the exam board website for new information, including changes to the specification and sample assessment material.

I have included comprehension questions for each article, as well as an independent task and a practice exam question. This should enable students to build up their confidence to attempt more challenging exam questions and also respond in a way in which they can access the higher marking bands.

At the end of the resource, I have also included two sample answers for the 12-mark exam question to demonstrate to students how they may be able to access the highest marks in the exam. Examiner commentary is also included for the sample answers to support students' assessment of the sample answers.

Finally, a further reading list is included to help support you in encouraging your gifted and talented students to expand their knowledge independently.

The benefits of using this guide are:

- It will provide students with alternative viewpoints and perspectives which will enable them to access higher mark bands.
- It will give students a range of tasks which they can complete independently and which will build their interest in wider reading.
- It will allow teachers to have more time so that they can actually use their break time to have a cup of tea and not be scrambling around trying to find extra resources.

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A web page containing all the links listed in this resource is conveniently provided on ZigZag Education's website at zzed.uk/10745

You may find this helpful for accessing the websites rather than typing in each URL.

# Article 1: God's Omnipotence and Omnibene

## God's omnipotence

Many philosophers have tried to define God's **omnipotence** and consider what it is possible for him to do.

There are many stories in the Bible which describe God's qualities for Christians, the month of the world as described in Sen

'In the be God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.'

(Genesis 1:1-2 NRSV)

God did not merely create a world out of existing matter, but had the power to create it **'ex nihilo'**, or out of nothing.

There are many hypothetical questions which philosophers have used to consider the extent of God's omnipotence, such as:

- Can God break the laws of mathematics? For example, could he make 4 + 4 = 9?
- Can God create a stone too heavy for himsel to lift?
- Can God change the past?
- Can God do things the ple with physical bodies
   polynomial
   polyn

There are many different interpretations of God's capacity to be omnipotent. The Christian **philosopher** Anthony Kenny (1931–present) argues for 'A narrower omnipotence, consisting in the possession of all logically possible powers which it is logically possible for a being with the attributes of God to have.' Due to the fact that God does not have a physical body, it would not be logically possible for him to create a stone too heavy for him to lift.

The **philosopher** Alvin Plantinga (1932–present) said that God can limit his power to limit his effect on human free will. The story of Adam and Eve from Genesis illustrates this point perfectly. God could have controlled Adam and Eve, but of the them free will so that they are the free will so the free will so that they are the free will so the f

**Omnipotence** – This term means all-powerful. Christians believe that God has this quality.

**Ex nihilo** – The Latin term meaning 'out of nothing.' Christians believe that God created the world this way.

### God's omnibenev

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Another example is the cities of Sodom were destroyed by fa heaven because the homosexual relation people living in thes questions God's love could have been mo

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- 1. What does the phrase 'ex nihilo' mean?
- 2. What does Anthony Kenny argue about God's omnipotence?
- 3. What does Alvin Plantinga argue about God's omnipotence?
- 4. Give two examples of hypothetical questions that have used to questions the have used to question the have used to questi

# Taking It Further

Research o the stories to use as a comparative response in evaluation exinteresting that Hindu or Australian Aboriginal creation stories.

# **Exam-style Question**

'God's qualities of omnibenevolence and omnipotence are the most important paunderstanding of God.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion







# Article 2: The Problem of Evil and Suffe

The philosopher J L Mackie defined 'the inconsistent triad', which is the idea that God cannot be omnipotent and omnibenevolent when there is evil in the world. Either he would want to stop the evil because he is loving or he should have the capacity to stop evil, but despite this both moral and a turn evil exist.

There have be more pressible by Christian philosophe in the pressible pressi



## St Augustine

According to Christian theologian St Augustine (AD 354–430), the world was created perfectly by God as stated in the Genesis 1 creation story. However, when God made the first humans, Adam and Eve, to have free will, this allowed the residual of evil to happen. The first or 'original or disobey God and eat fruit from the world when Adam and Service and Evel. From moment on, all further humans inherited the little is 'seminally present' in them as they are descendants of Adam and Eve. This theodicy still allows God to be loving as he made the world perfectly; it was humans who chose to ruin it.

## Criticisms of Augustine

If God made the world perfectly as described in Genesis, then why are there so many natural disasters and diseases that innocent children are born with?

How can humans today possibly be suffering for something that happened thousands of years ago?

Why would God give hum and when his omniscience and the partial state of the knew that Adam and pouls choose to disobey him? He could have ped them committing the foriginal sin'.

### **Irenaeus**

Irenaeus the Greek think that the world rigued that God de Se flawed so that his suffering. He said thimage of God and riby becoming kinder as a result of suffer charity after a deat keeps an 'epistemic them to have free world result.

Criticisms of Irence

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People who go the suffering can often instead of better their character.

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However, other Chribe mythical and syncreation could be siddays. The story could God's power and coas an exact, literal designation.

Moral evil – Evil events Matural evil – Evil even world.

**Theodicies** – An attemps existence of evil.

Epistemic distance – The to allow them the freedom

Mythical – Describes a s Symbolic – Describes a



- According to Augustine, how did God make the world? 1.
- What is the 'original sin?'
- 3. According to Augustine, why do people experience suffering today?
- According to Augustine, how can God still be good despite the existence of
- According to Irenaeus, why was the world created in ectly by God? 5.
- What role does evil have to play in people's 'well and rding to Irenaeus?

Taking It Further

evelopments of Augustine and Irenaean theodicies from mod Research fu Hick. Find the more case studies on evil in the world today which could mean t existence. You could consider looking at both moral and natural evil examples.

# **Exam-style Question**

'The existence of evil proves that God cannot exist.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion





# Article 3: Criticisms of the Creation Story from Evo

## Theories concerning the origins of the universe

Some scientists have argued that the world was not created by God, but by a collision of particles known as 'the Big Bang'. Edwin Hubble the American astronomer (1889–1953) first observed the expansion of the universe with his famour the telescope in the 1920s. This implimination were for it to continue expansion of the world was stoday.

J S Mill (1806–1873) the British philosopher and political economist argued that there was so much evil in the world that it could not have been created by an omnibenevolent God.

'If there are any marks at all of species design in creation, one of the things most evidently designed is that a large proportion of all animals should pass their existence in tormenting and devouring other animals.'

(J S Mill)

The fact that animals have been designed with the potential to destroy and eat other species, implies that God did not make the world perfectly for all species to **coexist**.

However, there are many Ct. In countists who argue that the Pible so its story in Genesis is consistent and process of how species have evolved over and, in fact, scientific and religious understanding of the creation of the world can coexist, rather than be seen as oppositional.

Many Christians are literalist Christians, who read the Bible as an accurate description of the creation stories in Genesis 1 and 2. If they regard these Biblical accounts to be literally truthful then scientific understandings of evolution and creation cannot be valid as they are not included in these chapters.

However, other Chi should not be read single word, but rat look. This does not leaxt, but it allows a example, the seven described in Genes 'stages' of creation

John Polkinghorne present) was a professent was a professent physical physi

## Theories concern

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Coexist – Live or function
Oppositional – Describes
cannot work with each of
Genesis – The first book
Old Testament.

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- 1. How did Edwin Hubble's telescope provide potential evidence for the Big Ba
- 2. What is Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection?
- 3. How could the theory be used to argue that God did not create the world a
- 4. How does J S Mill's quote argue against the existence of an omnibenevolent
- 5. How do John Polkinghorne's ideas support the possible of faith and science being oppositional?

# Taking It Further

Research of John dern scientists who are also Christian and explain their under the world. You could look at Francis Collins, Johannes Kepler or Lise Meitner.

# **Exam-style Question**

'Scientific and religious understandings about the creation of the world are incon

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion







# Article 4: Resurrection

Christians believe in the **resurrection** of Jesus as attested in all four Gospels of the New Testament. The belief in the bodily resurrection is a central tenet of the Christian faith which inspires hope and shows the omnipotence and omnibenevolence of God. Jesus's sacrifice by crucifixion allowed all humans to atche or their sins and receive **salvation**.

There are numerous to a line of the New Testament was a line of the New resurrection where a possibility if they have faith in Jesus Christ,

'And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.'

(1 Corinthians 6:14 NRSV)

Jesus said to Martha:

'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' (John 11:25–26 NRSV)

The Christian **theologian** John Hick (1922–2012) wrote in his book *Death and Eternal Life* (1976) that there was a possibility of bodily resurrection and introduced the thought experiment of replica the

'I wish to suggest the Self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the divine creation in the self tank of it as the self tank of it as the self tank of its as the self tank of

To explain his replica theory, Hick poses three thought experiments.

- Suppose that a man called John Smith were to disappear in London and reappear in New York. People could believe that it was the same John Smith if they looked physically the same.
- Suppose John Smith were to die in London and be recreated in New York. People could identify John Smith as being the person in New York rather than the body in London.
- 3. Thirdly, suppose that John Smith dies in London and is buried. It could be possible that God could recreate him in another world.

Criticisms of the iden ' ' 'r surrection Where wou to established bodies exist?

Would they I with the same memories as the original person?

Would they be resurrected in the form in which they died? What about people who die in horrible conditions such as **IEDs** or car crashes?

The scientist Richard material beings and deaths is through our nemes'. There is no assurrected as they degrade in the same

## Heaven and hell

Roman Catholic Chrispurgatory. Souls will experience a purificathem to enter heave witness a beatific visother 'pure' souls.

Jesus's parable of the teaches about who to hell.

'Depart from me eternal fire prepose For I was hungry was thirsty and you a stranger and you clothes and you con prison and you do you did not do for not do for me.'

As well as for people others who suffer, he appropriate punishmave broken God's recommandments.

Christian universalis forgiven for their sin heaven. They reject because an omniber people eternally.

# Criticisms of beliefs

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An omnibenevolent and enough to create a his

Different teachings is the afterlife which as



**Resurrection** – The idea that the body can be brought back to life after death.

Salvation - The idea that God saves humans from their sins.

**Theologian** - A philosopher who studies the existence of God or gods.

**Meme** – A cultural contribution such as a piece of art, music or writing.

IED - Improvised explosive device

Purgatory - An alternative place in the afterlife where souls exist.

Purification process - A process by which souls are cleansed.

**Beatific** – Describes something that brings extreme hanniles

# Comprehension Tasks

- 1. Which passages explain the concept of resurrection?
- 2. How did youn Hick's replica theory support the idea of bodily resurrection?
- 3. Give three criticisms of the idea of bodily resurrection.
- 4. How does Richard Dawkins criticise the idea of bodily resurrection?
- 5. What is the Roman Catholic idea of purgatory?
- 6. What does the parable of the sheep and goats teach about the afterlife?
- 7. What do Christian universalists believe about the afterlife?
- 8. Give two criticisms of the idea of heaven and hell.

# Taking It Further

Research different religious understandings of the afterlife to use as a comparisc Consider the concept of reincarnation from Hinduism and Buddhism.

# **Exam-style Question**

'The Christian belief i

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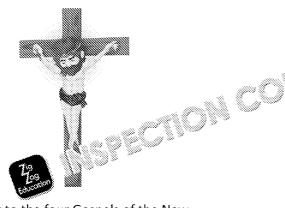
Evaluate this ment. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion





# Article 5: The Life of Jesus – The Crucifixion, Resurrect



According to the four Gospels of the New Testament, Jesus was arrested and tried by Pontius Pilate, who sentenced Jesus to death by crucifixion. He was hung on a cross and died six hours later. Despite this painful and humiliating death, Jesus forgave the people who were responsible for his death. In the Gospel of Luke (23:34), Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' This reaffirms the Christian belief in God's omnibenevolence as Jesus was able to forgive people who caused him immense pain and suffering. This also influences Christian beliefs about forgiveness today, as Christians will aim to follow in Jesus's footsteps.

Jesus's resurrection or anastasis and fundamental part of the analysis of the After his painful death of the analysis of the After his painful death of the analysis of the custom of Friday, his body was buried to Luke's Gospel, on Sunday a group of women went to put spices on the body, but when they got to the tomb, the stone which had been covering it had been removed. They could not find Jesus's body laid to rest. Two angels appeared to the women and said:

'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' (Luke 24:5 NRSV)

Reasons to support the idea of Jesus's re in the All four Gospels attest the same in the Albout the event.

His resurre as sported by women, and, in the society this society this been taken seriously unless there was proof.

If Jesus had omnipotence, he would have the power to bring himself back from the dead.

Criticisms of Jesus's His body may have not in the tomb.

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The tomb was seales would not have been were well.

# The significance of Christians

If Jesus can be resulted Christians that they

Second Coming or

It shows the omnip reinforces the idea

It can help Christian suffering in the work hristians suffer in will be resurrected

## The ascension

Forty days after Jess disciples went to Moblessed them and pheaven. His ascensible because it signals the His work on Earth inneed to be there are prepare heaven to Christians believe the and will stay with his the Day of Judgement

Resurrection or anastas back to life after death. Second Coming or Paro come back to Earth a see Ascension – Jesus's retu



- 1. What happened during Jesus's crucifixion?
- Why does Jesus's crucifixion help Christians with issues surrounding forgive
- 3. What happened during Jesus's resurrection?
- 4. Give two criticisms of Jesus's resurrection.
- Give two arguments which explain the significance communication. 5.
- What happened during Jesus's ascension?
- Why is it significant for Christians?

Taking It Fy

Read the different accounts of Jesus's resurrection from the Gospels and note the Explain how these differences could lead to a challenge to the event's existence.

# **Exam-style Questions**

'Jesus's resurrection is the most important belief in the Christian faith.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion





# Article 6: Prayer and its Significance

Prayers are important part of the Christian faith as they are a way for humans to have a personal relationship with God. God's omnipotent and omnibenevolent nature means that he loves his creation and has the power to answer prayers.

There are numerous teachings in the The support the idea that prayers the conswered by God:

'If my pe hich are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven'

(2 Chronicles 7:14 NRSV)

'So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.' (Mark 11:24 NRSV)

'Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.' (Matthew 21:22 NRSV)

There are five different types of prayer:

- In prayers of blessing and adoration, Christians praise and acknowledge God's support in their lives.
- 2. In prayers of petition, Christians of Golden things they need to sund these physically or spiritually
- 3. In pray the interestion, Christians pray on behalf the eone else.
- 4. In prayers of thanksgiving, Christians thank God for all that he has given them in their lives.
- 5. In prayers of praise, Christians praise God as the source of all love on Earth.

## The Lord's Prayer

The previous Archbishop of Canterbury, Rev. Dr Rowan Williams (1950–present), explained the importance of the Lord's Prayer: 'If somebody said, give me a summary of Christian faith on the back of an envelope, the best thing to do would be to write Our Lord's Prayer.' The Lord's Prayer is also known as 'Our Father', and it contains the key doctrines concepts of the Christian faith within it.

Jesus taught his dis

this found in the Go

Our Father, who hallowed be thy thy kingdom control will be done, on earth as it is in Give us this day. And forgive us on as we forgive the And lead us not but deliver us from For thine is the kithe power and the for ever and ever Amen.

The key themes of basis of the Christia an omnipotent creati salvation, God's lov ature. The Lord's 🛭 prayer. It is repeate Christians in their c reassuring to use se familiarity, reassur congregation. How that set prayers are the needs of their la informal, spontane and, therefore, mo member of their fa prayers would not connection to God.

For Christians who connection to God, prayers may happe better suit the unstaformal prayers.





- 1. Which qualities of God do prayers affirm?
- 2. Which teachings from the Bible show the concept of answered prayer?
- 3. What are the five types of prayer that Christians might use?
- 4. Give an example of each type.
- 5. Why is the Lord's Prayer important to Christians?
- Where is it referred to in the Bible?
- Give three Christian beliefs shown it
- Give one benefit of a set pracer.
- Give one disadvanta e a specificaprayer.
- ar 🐫 🛁 i using an informal prayer.

# Taking It Further

Explain how each part of the Lord's Prayer highlights a key aspect of the Christia

# Exam-style Question

'Prayers are an important part of the Christian faith.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different policy of view
- reach a justified conclusion









# Article 7: The Role and Meaning of the Sacra

A sacrament is a ritual or ceremony which connects Christians to God's grace. According to the catechism of the Catholic Church, 'The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church by which Divine life is dispensed to us.' There are seven sacramen in the Roman Catholic Church. However 🐈 ் பத்தின் England requires only two to be precised: baptism hic 🔭 🔭 explored further in the and Eucharis next article

**Baptism** 

There are two types of baptism available to Christians: infant baptism and believer's baptism.

Infant baptism

Infant baptism or christening is important to welcome a new baby into the church community. The priest pours water over the child's head using the baptismal font. The water has a literal and symbolic meaning and it represents spiritually washing away the child's inherited sin. This 'original sin' came into the world through Adam and Eve disobeying God and causing sin to enter the world. According to some Christians, this means that all children are born with this inherited sin are descendants of Adam and Eve "the air in portant event which brings the first a leafer to feel part of the wider Common and During the ceremony, the baby is give arents, who promise to look after them as they grow up and support them on their journey into the Christian faith.

# Issues surrounding infant baptism

The child is too young to choose their faith so the ceremony could be meaningless.

Jesus was baptised as an adult so perhaps children should not be baptised.

Families could just be doing it to have a celebration and not take the commitment to the Christian lifestyle seriously. 

Believer's bapt Some Christians be until adulthood, wh 🕯 e made. This is be adult (approximate) Baptist in the River

> 'At that time Jesu and was baptized Jesus was coming heaven being tor him like a dove. 'You are my Son pleased.'

Jesus's baptism is c 13<sup>th</sup> January, which many references to encourage Christia Peter replied:

Repent and be b name of Jesus Ch And you will rece

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'And this water s you also—not the the pledge of a c saves you by the

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> 'Jesus answered, enter the kingdon water and the Sp

Sacrament - A ritual o is bestowed.

Catechism - A summar Baptism - A ceremony the Church.



- 1. What is a sacrament?
- How many sacraments do Roman Catholics have to complete as part of the
- 3. Which two sacraments do Church of England Christians believe they should
- 4. Give two things which happen during an infant baptism.
- 5. Give two issues surrounding infant baptism.
- Why would Christians complete a believer's sr
- When is Jesus's baptism celebrated
- Why is the water used in harman sonic?



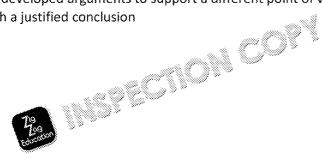
Research different initiation ceremonies from other world faiths such as Judaism

# **Exam-style Question**

'All children should be baptised to be part of the Christian faith.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion







# Article 8: The Sacrament of Holy Communion /

The sacrament of Holy Communion is also known as the **Eucharist** or Mass. It is celebrated by Roman Catholic and Church of England Christians as part of their faith. It is a celebration to commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples. All four Gospels describe the event, and it is usually remembered during Maundy Thurs holy Week at Easter. During the Week at Easter. During the Knowing that this was the methat he would have a meal with his disc. The performed the following actions:

'While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

(Matthew 26:26-29 NRSV)

This sacrament is important to Christians because symbolises the promise of eternal life and remembers the sacrifice that Jesus and from mankind.





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However, in the Chaless literal. It should an act of remembrated and blood that significant event to This is known as con

Eucharist – A Christian Corpus Christi – A Christian Consubstantiation – To the Eucharist.

# **Comprehension Tasks**

- 1. Give the two other names of the Eucharist.
- 2. What did Jesus say to his disciples during the Last Supper?
- 3. How does the Roman Catholic Church view the celebration of the Eucharist
- 4. What is consubstantiation?

# Taking It Further

Research how the Eucharist is carried out differently from erent denominations

# **Exam-style Question**

'The Eucharistiche' to Sortant Christian sacrament.'

Evaluate this ment. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion



# Article 9: Christian Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage is an important part of Christian life and means going on a physical journey to show your spiritual connection to God. It is important for many Christians to visit places which are important to the Christian faith in order to feel that they belong to a wider Christian community. It can be a special time reflect on your faith, and show your deficition and commitment to God.

There are type range examples of Christian pilgrimage: and lona.

## 1. Lourdes

Lourdes is a famous site for Christian pilgrimage. In the 1850s Bernadette Soubirous had various visions of the Virgin Mary. In one of these visions, she was told to dig a spring, and the water had healing properties. Today, approximately six million Christians every year go on a pilgrimage to Lourdes to visit the grotto, which contains a statue of the Virgin Mary, and the spring. There are over 250 hotels which host church group visits, which involve bringing elderly, disabled and ill members of their community to feel part of the wider Christian community and have the possibility of being healed by the holy water.

### 2. Iona

A contrasting pilgrims island off of the coast which is known as the resence of God in the 130,000 visitors ever earliest Christian corpriest and missionary there to study the Biplace of peace to street

## Criticisms of the con-

Pilgrimages can be voculd be spent helpio

There is very little sch happen or prayers as

If God is omniscient, specific location?

These sites of pilgrin become tourist attra nature of them cheas

The spiritual elementh through individual purchased the he cost element of

Many people have renot have time to go

# Comprehension Tasks

1. Give three benefits for Christians of participating in a pilgrimage.

- 2. Explain why Christians visit Lourdes as a site of pilgrimage.
- 3. Explain why Christians visit Iona as a site of pilgrimage.
- 4. Explain two similarities between Lourdes and Iona.
- 5. Explain two differences between Lourdes and Iona.
- 6. Give three criticisms of the idea of pilgrimage.

# Taking It Further

Research how Rome and Jerusalem are also sites of Christian pilgrimage. Research examples of pilgrimage from other religions.

# **Exam-style Question**

'Every Christian should combine in pilarimage during their lifetime.'

Evaluate this hent. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion



# Article 10: Christmas

The birth of Jesus is considered to be one of the most significant events within Christianity. It shows Christians that God wanted to experience life as a human, and the incarnation is evidence that he loved humans enough to understand how it feels to be one. It was also part of the covenant God made to save humanity from the consequences of sin. John 3:16 says:

'For God so loved the Sod Sat he gave his one and only the had so sever believes in him shall not perish by the perish by the perish by the several life.' (John 3:16 NRSV)

The fact that Jesus was born from the Virgin Mary is significant for Christians as it shows God's omnipotence through the work of the Holy Spirit.

There are various events and church services which Christians will attend as part of remembering such a significant event within the faith.

## **Advent**

The word 'Advent' means 'coming' and is a time for preparation and celebration of Jesus's birth. It starts on the Sunday nearest to 30<sup>th</sup> November and finishes on the fourth Sunday before 25<sup>th</sup> December.

Advent wreaths are often made and used in the state of th

Christians w the attend carol services in the period leading up to stmas and sing songs and listen to readings to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**Secular celebrations** of Advent usually include a chocolate-based Advent calendar leading up to Christmas Day.

## **Christmas Day**

The birth of Jesus is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke in the New Testament. These Gospels teach that Jesus was born to the Virgin Mary, who was visited by an angel who told her that she was going to have a baby that she would call Jesus. Jesus was born in Bethlehem as his parents had to travel there to complete a **census**.

In Matthew 1:18, the Bible

'This is he point of Jesus the Messiah came about: His point of Jesus the Messiah came about: His point of Jesus the Messiah came to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.'

(Matthew 1:18 NRSV)

This teaching highlig the power to create unique way.

າ Luke 2:13–15, the

'Suddenly a gree appeared with the 'Glory to God in peace to those or angels had left the shepherds said to Bethlehem and see which the Lord has

This teaching shows and demonstration

Christmas is an importenember the savious save mankind.

In Matthew 1:20 the

'She will give bir the name Jesus, b their sins.'

The birth of Jesus she towards humanity a from their sins so the lives and go to heave

Christian schools will and hold a carol serv the midnight Mass c upcoming festival.

# Has Christmas los Christmas traditio

More and more peop celebrating Christma not attend church or yill decorate their he presents for relatives special meal with the

Arguably, Christmas with shops stocking Most families are no will keep regular tra

Secular celebrations - Census - A survey which about an area.



- 1. Give two reasons why the birth of Jesus is so significant for Christians.
- 2. How long does Advent last?
- 3. What does it remember?
- 4. What happens at Advent in churches?
- 5. How do Christians celebrate Christmas Day?
- 6. Which Bible teachings about the birth of Jesi and significant? Why?
- 7. Give two ways that Christmas has by more secularised in the UK today.



'Christmas has lost any religious significance in the United Kingdom today.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion







# Article 11: Easter – Holy Week

The week leading up to Easter Sunday is a solemn week for Christians as they remember Jesus's death and crucifixion.

## **Palm Sunday**

Palm Sunday starts Holy Week by remembering the Jesus came into Jerusalem and was well levely crowds of people. The book of the Jesus was more people waving large palm leaves celet the palm branches today there are procession are given small crosses to hold made of palm leaves.

## **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday starts the period of Lent, when Christians reflect on their faith and remember the time that Jesus was walking in the desert for 40 days and nights without any food or drink. Some Christians may choose to fast during this time, or they can choose a vice to sacrifice as an act of self-discipline; for example, eating chocolate or smoking. Churchgoers are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes as a sign of mortality.

The ashes used symbolise the idea that people should be sad for their sins and death will come to everyor eventually. The cross represents the cross and died on.

The ashes componed with a share crosses that were given out on the share with a share crosses that were given out on the share with the share crosses that were given out on the share with the share wit

## **Maundy Thursday**

This is when Christians remember the Last Supper, when Jesus established the Eucharist. The night of Maundy Thursday is when Jesus was betrayed by Judas. In Roman Catholic Church services, 12 people have their feet washed to remember when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples.

## **Good Friday**

This is a day of mourning in the church. Many Christians spend the day in prayer, fasting, repentance and meditation.

On this day, Jesus was beaten, mocked a crown of thorns was placed or head esus was hung on the cross by nail to west and ankles, and he died a slow the mass suffering the six hours he was suffering the his death, Jesus cried out to his father, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' (Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34)

Then darkness blanketed the land. As Jesus gave up his spirit, an earthquake shook the ground and caused the temple curtain to rip in half from top to bottom:

'At that moment Temple was torn earth shook, rock The bodies of mo died were raised cemetery after Je city of Jerusalem

Christians believe the death provided the page God's mercy and grathe gift of eternal life.

## **Easter Sunday**

This is the day that C resurrection of Jesus resurrection). This st of God, which enable the dead. This also g resurrected on the D

In Matthew 28:5–7

shock of Jesus's res

'The angel said to I know that you a crucified. He is no said. Come and so quickly and tell he dead and is goin

His followers were rethem that Jesus was risen again.

In John 11:25 Jesus 🖁

'I am the resurred believes in me wi

his gives Christians will look after his foll their dedication and

On Easter Sunday, cheflowers to represent brightest robes in cellow Day services because world, and when he darkness of the world of Lent, when people things they have give



- 1. What happens on Palm Sunday?
- 2. What does this represent?
- 3. What happens on Ash Wednesday?
- 4. What does this represent?
- 5. What happens on Maundy Thursday?
- 6. What happens on Good Friday?
- Which Bible teachings show what h
- What happens on Easter Surgary



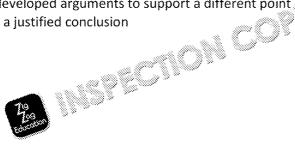
Research how Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter week. What are the differen and celebrations in the Church of England?

# Exam-style Question

'Easter is a more significant Christian festival than Christmas.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion







# Article 12: The Role of the Church in the Local Community, In Street Pastors

Churches have a vital role to play in their communities. They are safe, trusted place for all people, regardless of faith, gender or sex. Many are also food banks which support vulnerable people in the communití 💯 emergency Teach



The Trussell Trust now has over 1,200 food banks operating nationally and was started in 1997 by a family in Salisbury who realised that people in poverty often needed extra food to stay healthy. Their aim is to end hunger and poverty in the UK. In recent years, food banks have widened their services to prevent people reaching further crisis. They run holiday clubs and budgeting courses and provide compassion to vulnerable families.

The Christian values which underpin the philosophy of food banks are from the parable of the sheep and goats, where Jesus describes who will go to heaven:

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave mage that is drink, I was a stranger and we not some in, I needed clothes and was his me, I was sick and you look 🕝 🕾 🖟 wäs in prison and you came to visit m (Matthew 25:35-36 NRSV)

Another teaching from Jesus, 'Love your neighbour as yourself', implies that Christians should aim to help people living around them even if they are different from them as God believes that everyone should be treated equally and in the most loving way.

Christians will also use the parable of the good Samaritan in Luke 10 to influence their compassionate actions towards people in their community. 

But a Samaritan man was; and wh him. He went to h pouring on oil ar own donkey, bro him. The next da them to the innke 'and when I retur extra expense yo

They will feed the h of their community describes. They ma money to charities

Another way that C communities is thro These are a group contract the second contract people on a Friday centres. If people a ne Street Pastors w giving them food or for them to get hor

Street Pastors were London, by Rev. Les over 270 active gro tabards with the w they are easily reco their help.

Behind the scenes, Street Pastors at the anyone who is in ne to look after them.





- 1. Give three facts about food banks.
- 2. Which Bible teachings inform the work of food banks?
- 3. Give three facts about Street Pastors.
- 4. How do Prayer Pastors support their work?

# Taking It Further

Research community services off 1 1 2 3. ches in your own community. This group or other support grown in the local area.

Exam-style vaestion

'Christians should support their local communities in practical ways.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion







# Article 13: The Place of Mission, Evangelism and Church Grow the Worldwide Church

The Christian idea of a 'mission' is an event or action which aims to spread Christianity to new converts.

This Bible teaching suggests that an important part of the faith is to have opportunities to ambassadors for Christ and or Mark Ers to share in God's love.

'Therefoi' re ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.' (2 Corinthians 5:20)

There are many Christian charities which offer support for people and provide them with information about the religion in order to help them to understand and engage with the faith further.

## **CAFOD**

The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) was set up in the 1960s and is one of the largest aid networks in the world. There are 165 countries which CAFOD reaches through the church network it is part of. CAFOD's values stem from Catholic teachings on love: 'Works of love's ea to one's neighbour are the mc erfc external manifestation of the in the growe of the Spirit...' (Pope Fran gang Laudium #3)

Some of its most recent campaigns are on promoting renewable energy and defending human rights. It provides aid to areas which have been affected by natural disasters such as cyclones and typhoons. It also works to eliminate starvation in countries such as Zimbabwe and Zambia. It supports Syrian refugees who are fleeing their country to survive.

In conjunction with other charities, CAFOD founded the Fairtrade Foundation in 1992. As a result, 1.65 million farmers and workers in 74 countries now get a better deal for their work 

## **Christian Aid**

Christian Aid starte Var, when the Brit together to help re

Today it is supporti campaigns: South A Tsunami Appeal, Sy aims to support dis countries, climate justice. Every year 🏽 aims to collect mor people are living in £8 million to help c

## **Tearfund**

Tearfund was found group Evangelical A Christian compassi world. Its emphasis the Gospels and on ractical and spiritu naunched its Disaste responded to the R Boxing Day tsunam

One of its main can supporters to take amount of waste p up in the world's p@ supplies.

Tearfund has also s which aims to help worldwide who do clean toilet. It enco and to provide train to wash their hand





- 1. When did CAFOD start?
- How many countries does it operate in?
- 3. Which Christian teachings does it base its work on?
- 4. When did it help to start the Fairtrade Foundation?
- When did Christian Aid start? 5.
- Give three examples of disasters that Christian disasters that Christian disasters with.
- What happens during Christian Aid
- When was Tearfund started
- What did its Disasta 🛪 👍 🗠 Unit support?
- or wining campaign for? 10. What is

# Taking It Further

Research another Christian charity organisation and explain the Christian ethics

# Exam-style Question

'Working for a Christian charity is an important part of the Christian faith.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different ovince of view
- reach a justified conclusion







# Sample Answers (12-mark questio

Probably the most difficult question on the paper, and also the question where y is the 10–12 mark evaluation question. There will be one 12-mark question in the one 10–12-mark question in the Practices section of the exam, so you will need to question in the exam.

Throughout this resource, there has been a reliable 12-mark evaluation quest you plenty of practice!

In order to accept the smark band on the longer 12-mark evaluation question write a regred response, with reasoned consideration of different position and smith

Make sure that the points that you have written **lead to judgement(s)** suppunderstanding of <u>relevant</u> **evidence and examples**, such as:

**Irenaeus** also argued that God can exist even though there is evil. He suggested that God delso that humans can become more compassionate and Godlike when it happens. **For example**, illness may raise money for a charity that has supported them through it.

include Bible teachings or examples which relate directly to the question the including generic teachings such as 'love thy neighbour'

## Examiners' advice from their report:

Examiners suggest that weaker responses use a graph of which we to their argumereligion, my views). This means that some of a new only one point for and or very general quotation (such as 'Iran tanbour'). This means that the student everything can be too simple of a graph of the everything can be too simple of a graph of the everything can be too simple of the everything can be considered on the everything can be too simple of the everything can be considered on the everything can be considere

The overall pion needs to give examples to support it, and must seem to for points you have ritten.

## Don't forget to also:

- ☐ read the question properly you can highlight key parts of the question
- ☑ show off your knowledge of technical terms
- ☐ leave yourself enough time to answer the final Practices 10–12-mark questi

Read through the sample answers on the following pages, all of which would accompare them to your own answers. Make yourself a list of all of the things you your answers and how you can improve them.





# Model Answer for Essay Question from Article 2

'The existence of evil proves that God cannot exist.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statements
- give developed arguments to support a diffe an oral or view
- reach a justified conclusion

The problem of evilor the 'in a san than was first formalised by J L Mackie who posed the question evi :: exst?" Many Christian theologians and philosophers have argued that a omnipotent Gr evil existing in commend.

**St Augustine** argued that God made the world perfectly. This is supported by the quote from the crea thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good' Adam and Eve chose to disobey God in the Gard sin' in the world, which distanced God from people, allowing further examples of evil to happen. Accor evil today means that God is loving as he gave us free will in our lives, and it is humans who chose to u murder or bullying.

**Irenaeus** also argued that God can exist even though there is evil. He suggested that God deliberately humans can become more compassionate and Godlike when it happens. For example, someone who has money for a charity that has supported them through it.

However, other people argue that a loving God would not have allowed in a ntity of evil that exists 3,000 or more deaths that happened as a result of the 0/1 te rors tacks in New York, or the trag Bulger. The severity and the quantity of evil the severity are that God cannot exist.

te f 💮 🕆 🎎 natural world is full of evil between species of animals who tort suggests that the cannot exist. He also argued that natural evils such as earthquakes are so they cause that here cannot be a loving God.

In conclusion, it could seem patronising to say to someone who has just lost a child due to murder or particular reason. For example, many people are left feeling angry and bitter having experienced ev many victims of abuse go on to become abusers later in life. This would disagree with Irenaeus' views compassionate.

It also seems unreasonable for God to be punishing humans today with moral and natural evil simply Eve. It does not seem fair or loving for humans who are born today and are good people to be sufferin Christians believe was made 6,000 years ago.

## Commentary:

This question was placed in the top mode by Jule to:

- the use of relevant philos wers were as J L Mackie, Irenaeus, Augustine and
- the use of relevant teachings (these are highlighted in bold text) the use the second teachings (these are highlighted in bold text) a conclusion which is developed, and justified by examples

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# Model Answer for Essay Question from Article 9

'Every Christian should complete a pilgrimage during their lifetime.'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a diffe or or view
- reach a justified conclusion

Some people would agree the principle of their religion. For example, every year millions of Christians visit healing proper the spring there. Making a physical journey to a pilgrimage site such as this allowheir faith spiritually and allows them time to pray in a place that is special and sacred. As there are worldwide areas, this will enable them to feel connected to the global network of Christians and will sacred.

Going on a pilgrimage to a place such as **Iona**, in **Scotland**, is a spiritual experience as it is a place for quided walks and prayer groups, and complete meditation exercises which allow them to connect to Go

However, other people would disagree and suggest that going on a pilgrimage should not be compulso pilgrimage may mean that Christians cannot always afford to go. People may have disabilities or wor it is not practically possible for them to go on a pilgrimage. They would also suggest that it is not a sait is not as important as being baptised or completing the Eucharist. There are not any specific commassome Christians will argue that completing charity work is more important as there are specific teach vulnerable, such as the parable of the good Samaritan.

Another perspective is that if God is **omning** and all exist everywhere simultaneously, then you home and will not need to travel from a cover and grace.

In conclusion, I many other actions that Christians can complete to show that they are dedical parable of the sneep and goats teaches that you should feed and clothe the poor, so working for a Christians will be a good way to do this. The logistics of completing a pilgrimage when you have a family to raise these Christians will be able to devote themselves to God in other equally valid ways.

## Commentary:

This response was placed in the top mark band because:

- there are specialist keywords throughout, such as 'omnipresent', 'omnipote
- knowledge of pilgrimage sites is demonstrated (these are highlighted in bol
- relevant Bible stories and teachings and used (these are highlighted in bold
- knowledge of Christian charities such as Tearfund or CAFOD is demonstrate.
- there is a conclusion which is developed, and justification examples





# Further Reading Websites and Resou

- http://rsrevision.com/Alevel/philosophy/index.htm
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# Answers

# Article 1

## **Comprehension Tasks:**

- 1. 'Ex nihilo' means 'out of nothing'. Christians believe that God meated the world out
- 2. Anthony Kenny argues that God's omnipotence is limitation as he is not restricted way as humans are.
- 3. Alvin Plantinga argues that God can "r r r power to enable humans to have choose to love him.
- 4. Could God change the and God create a stone too heavy for him to lift?



'God's qualitie of omnibenevolence and omnipotence are the most important parts of the

Points to agree with this statement:

- Christians must believe that God has these qualities to make him worthy of their we
- There are many examples in the Bible which support the ideas of omnibenevolence
- God would have to have these qualities for him to be able to act in the world today to

Points to disagree with this statement:

- There are different examples from the Bible which question God's omnipotence.
- There are different examples from the Bible which question God's omnibenevolence
- God's guidelines for how to behave, e.g. the Ten Commandments, are more import

# Article 2

## **Comprehension Tasks:**

- 1. God made the world perfectly, as ்ர இரு இது இsis 1.
- 2. The 'original sin' is the first in hat the into the world, as a result of Adam and Ev
- 3. People experience sales and Eve.
- 4. God ca വര്യ വേശില് he created a perfect world and humans decided to ruin it
- 5. God cre world imperfectly because suffering helps humans to develop into
- 6. Evil encoages humans to become kind and more compassionate.

## **Essay Question:**

'The existence of evil proves that God cannot exist.'

Points to agree with this statement:

- The amount of evil in the world seems to contradict the idea that God is omnibene
- God should not be punishing humans today for the sins of Adam and Eve.
- God should not have created the world in a way which facilitates natural evil such a

Points to disagree with this statement:

- God gives humans free will so he cannot interfere to stop moral evil such as murde.
- God made the world perfectly for it is humans, Adam and who chose to bring sevil is not God's fault and he can still exist.
- Evil can help humans become more God ് ് ചിന് their compassionate natur



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## **Comprehension Tasks:**

- 1. His telescope enabled the expanding universe to be observed, confirming the idea twas the 'Big Bang'.
- 2. This is the theory that animals that are the best suited to the environment will surv
- This theory suggests that God did not make all the species of saimals as stated in G
   evolving and becoming extinct today.
- 4. He is arguing that God cannot be loving as he are tended cannot be loving as he are tended cannot be loving as he are tended as the same and the same are tended as the same are ten
- 5. God could have been involved in creating growing instead of it being random.

## **Essay Question:**

'Scientific ar ou was tandings about the creation of the world are incompatible."

Points to agree with this statement:

- Scientific theories about the Big Bang could mean that God is not needed in the cre
- The biblical creation story in Genesis does not involve any science, only God.
- Scientists would argue that the theory of evolution means that the Christian creation

## Points to disagree with this statement:

- God could have made the Big Bang. John Polkinghorne supports this idea.
- God could have started the creation of the world and then allowed evolution to cor
- The Christian creation story in Genesis could be symbolic and show the seven stage over millions of years.

# Article 4

## **Comprehension Tasks:**

- 1. 1 Corinthians 6:14 and John 11:25-26.
- 2. It included a thought experiment suggesting the loss in another realm where after our physical death.
- 3. Where would the resurrecte ് വര് പ്രദേശ
  - Would they have the an an another as the original person?
  - Would the residued in the form in which they died? What about people who IEDs or hes?
- 4. He argue at science proves that there cannot be a bodily resurrection.
- 5. Our souls will go to a place called purgatory, where they will be purified in order for
- 6. People who are kind and support vulnerable people go to heaven. Others will go to
- 7. Everyone should be forgiven for their sins and go to heaven.
- 8. Where would heaven or hell exist physically? // Why would a loving God create a h

### **Essay Question:**

'The Christian belief in heaven is more reasonable than the idea of a bodily resurrection.'

## Points to agree with this statement:

- There are various Bible teachings to support the idea of heaven.
- It is strongly linked to rewarding Christians for following ethical rules such as the Tell
- Bodily resurrection seems unlikely according to scientific universal standing about deat

## Points to disagree with this statement:

- Jesus was resurrected, so it makes the book of people could have the same expenses.
- There is no physical procf
   where would it exist?
- There are many in the Bible which show God's &

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## **Comprehension Tasks:**

- Jesus was hung on a cross and left to die.
- 2. Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' This re omnibenevolence as Jesus was able to forgive people who caused him immense pa
- 3. After his painful death through crucifixion on Friday, his body was buried in a tomb According to Luke's Gospel, on Sunday a group of work with to put spices on the tomb, the stone which had been covering it had been showed.
- 4. His body may have been stolen so that are was not in the tomb. // He may not when he was put in the tomb.
- 5. It shows the omninc of the food possesses and reinforces the idea that he is wollt can he ist a moderstand why there is suffering in the world today. It makes Jesus that they will be resurrected one day in the future.
- 6. Forty da er Jesus's resurrection, Jesus and his disciples went to Mount Olivet nand physically rose upwards towards heaven.
- 7. His ascension is important to Christians because it signals the end of Jesus's earthly

## **Essay Question:**

'Jesus's resurrection is the most important belief in the Christian faith.'

Points to agree with this statement:

- It shows God's omnipotence as he is able to bring back the dead.
- It gives hope to Christians about their own life after death.
- It shows that God loved his son enough to bring him back to life.

Points to disagree with this statement:

- There are more important beliefs in the Christian faith, such as the idea of morality the Mount.
- There are other beliefs, such as the concept of the mice is a likely, which show the dependent of the resurrection.
- The resurrection may not have പ്രാത്രം community work 'loving your neight







## **Comprehension Tasks:**

- 1. Omnipotence // Omnibenevolence.
- 2. 2 Chronicles 7:14 // Mark 11:24 // Matthew 21:22.
- 3. Blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise.
- 4. In prayers of blessing and adoration, Christians praise and ack powledge God's support In prayers of petition, Christians ask God for things the description of support them physical prayers of intercession, Christians pray on behalf of the prayers of thanksgiving, Christians than the line prayers of praise, Christians and support them in the line prayers of praise, Christians and support them in the line prayers of praise, Christians and support them in the line prayers of praise, Christians and support them physically suppor
- 5. The Lord's Prayer is 2 23 Our Father' and it contains the key doctrines and within it.
- 6. The Go. Matthew and Luke.
- 7. God is a mipotent creator God.

God forgives sins.

God loves his creation.

- 8. It is familiar and reassuring to say a set prayer.
- 9. The set prayer may not reflect the Christian's needs at that time.
- 10. It can be more relevant to a person's life. It can be more varied in nature.

## **Essay Question:**

'Prayers are an important part of the Christian faith.'

## Points to agree with this statement:

- Prayers allow Christians to develop a personal connection to God.
- Set prayers such as the Lord's Prayer allow Christians to be reminded of the core be
- Set prayers allow Christians to feel that they belong to the christian community

## Points to disagree with this statement:

- There are other things that Christian's are doing, such as working for their construction.
- The Christian fail house on charity work such as working for CAFOD instead
- Set pra de la ve too formal to be relevant to a Christian's individual life.





## **Comprehension Tasks:**

- 1. A sacrament is a ritual or ceremony which connect Christians to God.
- 2. Seven.
- 3. Baptism and Eucharist.
- 4. The priest pours water over the child's head using the baptismal font.

  During the ceremony, the baby is given godparents. Vision se to look after them on their journey into the Christian faith.
- 5. The child is too young to choose their factors are ceremony could be meaningless. Jesus was baptised as an adult of perhaps children should not be baptised.
- 6. Some Christians believe that Spansm should wait until adulthood, when a more information because we will be as an adult (approximately 30 years old) by John the Barrey
- 7. Epiphal
- 8. It repres cleaning away sins and having a clear conscience.

## **Essay Question:**

'All children should be baptised to be part of the Christian faith.'

Points to agree with this statement:

- It helps children to feel part of the Christian community.
- It will give them godparents to help them to develop their knowledge of Christianit
- It allows them to learn Christian rituals and traditions from a young age.

Points to disagree with this statement:

- Jesus was baptised when he was an adult, so Christians should follow in his footste
- The child will be too young to understand the commitment they are making.
- The Bible does not specify a certain age, so it should be down to individual to choos

# Article 8

## Comprehension Tasks:

- 1. Mass a Common
- 2. 'While the eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, "Take, extensis is my body." <sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it of you; <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the j
- 3. The Roman Catholic Church believes that the bread and wine used during the service Jesus Christ. This is known as transubstantiation and is celebrated during Corpus Cheucharist is the most important form of worship. This means that they are encourage Mass, or sometimes even more frequently than this.
- 4. Consubstantiation is the Church of England belief that the bread and wine are symb

## **Essay Question:**

'The Eucharist is the most important Christian sacrament.'

Points to agree with this statement:

- The fact that both the Roman Catholic Church and Church of gland believe that it
  one of the most important.
- Jesus told his closest followers to complete: his Each prose to remember him by, so it
- Rituals such as the Eucharist allow is to feel a sense of belonging to the wide

Points to disagree with h salent:

- 🔹 Other : 🎁 🔭 nt 🗀 an as baptism are more important as they remove sin and allo
- The Euc quite an old-fashioned way to remember Jesus. He could be remensartwork or music.
- Other sacraments such as marriage are more important as they allow Christians to relationship with promises being made to God.

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## **Comprehension Tasks:**

- It shows your spiritual connection to God.
   It makes you feel part of the Christian community.
   It gives you time to reflect on your faith.
- 2. To feel part of the wider Christian community and hope that they will be healed.
- 3. Christians go there to study the Bible and pray, and it gives a place of peace to
- 4. Christians who go there show their commitment of the saith.

  They will meet other Christians and free positive wider Christian community.
- They are in different countries.
   More people visit | c | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | | e | |

People ou ou many for healing, whereas they go to lona for prayer and co

6. Pilgrim be very expensive, and the money could be spent helping people in There is inttle scientific evidence that miracles happen or prayers are answered If God is omniscient, then why is it necessary to visit a specific location?

## **Essay Question:**

'Every Christian should complete a pilgrimage during their lifetime.'

Points to agree with this statement:

- It shows their dedication to their faith.
- The physical journey of a pilgrimage is an important event to remember in their live
- It will enable them to connect to other Christians from around the world.

## Points to disagree with this statement:

- The cost of a pilgrimage may not be accessible to all Christians.
- There are other ways that Christians can connect to God, e.g. through prayer.
- People may have disabilities or commitments which make a primage impossible.

# Article 10

# Comprehension Tasks:

- 1. The bir the most miraculous events within Christianity. It shows Christie as a same and the incarnation is evidence that he loved humans enough to under
- 2. It starts on the Sunday nearest to 30<sup>th</sup> November and finishes on the fourth Sunday
- 3. The period leading up to Jesus's birth.
- 4. Advent wreaths are often made and used in church. They have five candles, one for Christmas and one for Christmas Day.
  - Christians will also attend carol services in the period leading up to Christmas and selebrate the birth of Jesus.
- 5. Christian schools will often re-enact the nativity story, and many Christians will go to celebrate.
- 6. Matthew 1:18 demonstrates God's omnipotence, Luke 2:13–15 shows the glory of shows God's omnibenevolence.
- More and more people in the United Kingdom today are celebrating Christmas in a
  attend church or celebrate the birth of Jesus. People will decorate their homes with
  for relatives and close friends.

## **Essay Question:**

'Christmas has lost any religious signification in a United Kingdom today.'

Points to agree with this same is a

- Most fa to to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period and do not compared to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period and do not compared to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period and do not compared to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period and do not compared to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period and do not compared to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period and do not compared to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period and do not compared to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period and do not compared to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period and do not compared to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period and do not compared to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period and do not compared to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period to the latent midnight Mass during the Christmas period to the latent midnight midnight
- Other the source of the source
- As the country has become less Christian over the past 50 years, more and more petogether with their family and eat food, instead of celebrating the birth of Jesus.

## Points to disagree with this statement:

- Some families still attend midnight Mass over the festive period.
- Most schools still teach children about the nativity story and have a play over the C



# Many families will still attend carol services at schools or their local churches to cele Article 11

## **Comprehension Tasks:**

- In many churches today there are processions with large palm branches. Members crosses to hold made of palm leaves.
- 2. The book of John teaches how the arrival of Jesus was met with people waving larg
- 3. Churchgoers are marked on the forehead with a cross with as a sign of mortality
- 4. The ashes used are symbolic as they represent the identification that people should be sad a come to everyone eventually. The crossive all the cross that Jesus died on.
- 5. This is when Christians removal er to a law Supper, when Jesus established the Euclis when Jesus was both was judas. In Roman Catholic Church services, 12 people remembers and a law shed the feet of his disciples.
- 6. This is a mourning in the church. Many Christians spend the day in prayer, fa
- 7. Matthew 51-53.
- 8. Churches are often full of flowers to represent new life. Priests often wear their bright are used in Easter Day services because Jesus represents the light of the world, and eliminated the darkness of the world. Easter Sunday is also the last day of Lent, who or do things they have given up for the last 40 days.

## **Essay Question:**

'Easter is a more significant Christian festival than Christmas.'

## Points to agree with this statement:

- Christians spend Holy Week leading up to Easter Sunday participating in various events at Christmas.
- The idea of resurrection is more significant to Christians because it gives them hope the future.
- The resurrection shows the power and love of God in a way to the birth of Jesus of

## Points to disagree with this statement:

- The incarnation of God as Jesus and the most miraculous events of the whole (
- The birth of Jesus shows a for humanity and is more important than the re





## **Comprehension Tasks:**

- There are 1,200 in the UK today.
   They were started by the Trussell Trust in 1997.
   They aim to end hunger and poverty in the UK.
- 2. Matthew 25: 35–36.
- 3. They were started in 2003 in Brixton.

There are 270 groups across the United Kingdam

They wear blue tabards with the white or logo on so that they are easily their help.

4. Prayer Pastors work and the Pastors at the headquarters, praying for any refresh to a searthem.

# **Essay Quest**

'Christians should support their local communities in practical ways.'

## Points to agree with this statement:

- Jesus helped the most vulnerable people during his lifetime, so Christians should fo
- Christians should support their communities by donating to food banks or working
- There are many Bible teachings, such as the parable of the sheep and goats, which heaven if they help vulnerable people.

### Points to disagree with this statement:

- Christians may not be able to help their local community if they are too busy working
- Christians may support their communities by working in certain ethical jobs, such a
   of helping practically.
- Christians should follow the ethical principles of the Bible to live a good life instead

# Article 13

## **Comprehension Tasks:**

- 1. In the 1
- 2. 165
- 3. 'Works directed to one's neighbour are the most perfect external manifestation
- 4. 1992
- 5. 1945
- 6. South Asia Floods Appeal, Indonesian Tsunami Appeal, Syrian crisis
- 7. Collection of donations
- 8. 1968
- 9. Rwandan genocide and Boxing Day tsunami
- 10. To help people have access to clean, safe toilets

## **Essay Question:**

'Working for a Christian charity is an important part of the Christian faith.'

## Points to agree with this statement:

- Jesus's teachings in the parable of the good Samaritar that people who are summers that Christians should want to work for a fiar which does this.
- Working for a charit has almistian's commitment to their faith and looking aft

# Points to discuss the this statement:

- Some Charans will not have the time to work for a charity.
- Christians find that other actions, such as raising a family within a Christian context work as raising a family follows the Bible teaching 'Be fruitful and multiply' from Ge
- Some Christians cannot afford to work for a charity as they need to work to suppor

