

Starters and Plenaries

For GCSE AQA Religious Studies (Short Course)

Section A: Islam

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Teacher's Introduction

This resource has been designed to support the learning and teaching of GCSE AQA Religious Studies (Short Course) Section A: The Study of Religions – Islam. All areas of the specification are covered.

Different activities provide a way into new topics or allow students to reinforce and consolidate their learning – there is also some assessment content. Some activities can be done individually, others in groups, pairs or with the entire class; and there is flexibility to adapt this.

The starters and plenaries in this resource are designed to help teachers allow students to learn continuously by providing short activities which can be slotted in at the beginning and end of lessons. As well as activities covering specification content, some activities focus on exam questions and target setting as well. Each activity should take between 5 and 15 minutes to complete, though some could be adapted into a longer main-lesson activity if desired.

A plan of the activities with teacher's notes is provided at the beginning of the resource to give guidance on how to teach the content. Answers, or possible answers, are included at the end of the resource, to help with student or teacher marking, and in some cases it may be helpful to distribute these as revision resources. Some of the activities themselves may also be useful for revision purposes.

This resource should be informative and educational, and hopefully also enjoyable for students. It should support teachers with a base which they can build on when teaching additional content and skills.

The topics paired with the activities will help students examine differing beliefs under the wider umbrella of 'Islam', as well as exploring how these beliefs impact on the lives of modern Muslims.

Ideally, this will help the students to develop reasoning skills as well as learning important details.

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For many of these it will be useful for the least to have some knowledge of the to

Specification Area	19 Zog ducation	Topic Topic	Activity Description	Suggested Use	
	1.	The Six Articles of Faith in Sunni Islam	Quiz	S or P	
	2.	Five Roots of Usal-Dih (Shi'a Islam)	Define the roots as shown on worksheet, complete Venn diagram	Р	Ind
	3.	Tawhid	Correct the mistakes: timed exercise (names of Gor ⁴)	S or P	Ir 8
Key Beliefs	4.	The Nature of God	Matc the Order verse with the	S or P	Ind
	5.	Angel	Describe the angels, then fill in the blanks	Р	Ind
E	19 Zog ducation	P Lestination and Human Freedom	Rewrite the statements into the appropriate columns	S or P	Ind
***	7.	Life after Death	Fill in the details of the diagram showing life after death	S or P	Ind
	8.	Prophethood	Who's Who?	S or P	P
Authority	9.	The Qur'an	Fill in the facts or e jur'an and look up ' e s ra s and write down hey weal	S or P	Ind
	10.	Other Hc1	statement	S or P	Ind
	ig Zag ducation	Ir amate in Shi'a Islam	Crossword	Р	I p



			
Specification Area	Topic	C. Ovity Description	Sı
•	10 A 1 (1)	Evaluate a sample exam answer	
Assessment Revision	Assessment (2)	True or false?	
	14. Feedback and Target Setting	Write out targets on the sheet and planned improvements	
	15. Five Pillars (and Ten Obligatory Acts)	Fill in the Five Pillars and Ten Obligatory Acts on the sheet	
	16. Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam	Unscramble the words for the Ten Obligatory Acts	
Worship	17. The Shahada	Cut out and of the pieces of the prayer, arranging her form the phrase	
	18. Salah	(ii)). 1. 2 times of prayer on the diagram. Extension task includes discussion questions for pairs	
•	ig Sa n	Discussion questions	
E	20. Zakah	Fill in the spider diagram using knowledge of Zakah	
Duties and	21. Hajj	Discuss within a group what happens at different points of hajj. Can be presented should time allow	
Festivals	22. Jihad	Read the examples and circle which is a greater or lesser form of jihad is assion questions to follow	
	23. Id ul-Fitr	Complete A. Hr Nadia, filling in the detail	
	24. Ashur	Match the titles to pictures, filling in description underneath title	



Activity 1 – The Six Articles of Faith in Sur

Quiz!

Separate into groups of four/five. Your teacher will read out ten questions, should answer. At the end of the quiz, swap with another group to mark with answers.

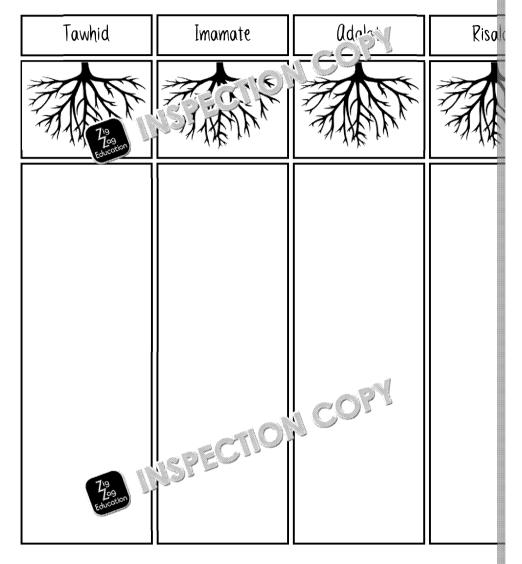
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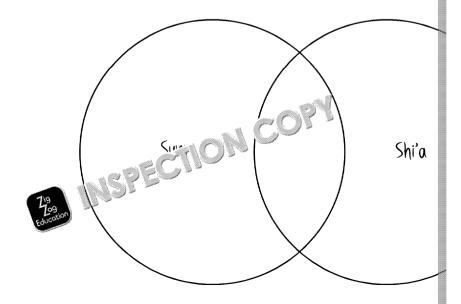


Activity 2 – Five Roots of Usul al-Din (Shi'

Fill in the boxes below the roots with definitions of what these roots are.



Look at the Venn diagram below. Write into the circles which articles/roots branch of Islam, and show which ones they share.



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Activity 3 - Tawhid

Look at the following statements about the concept of Tawhid within Islam. write the sentence correctly on the following line.

1) The concept of Tawhid means that Islam is a pain istic faith.

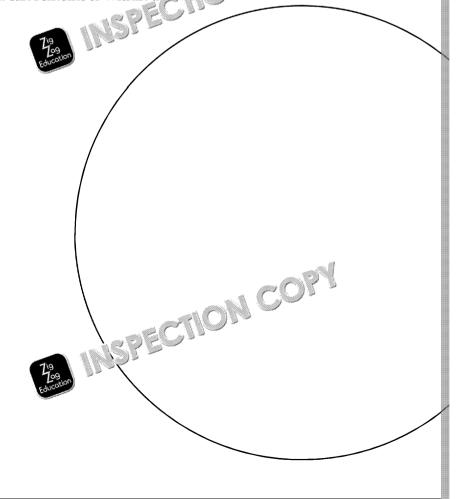
2) There are 77 by names for Allah in Islam.

3) Some Muslims use a string of 33 jewels to remember the names of Alla

4) While Tawhid is important, it is not a central facet of the Islamic faith

5) The Arabic word for God ('Allah') has many plural forms.

Your teacher will give you 60 seconds 111 to be circle below as many of as you can remember within the seconds.



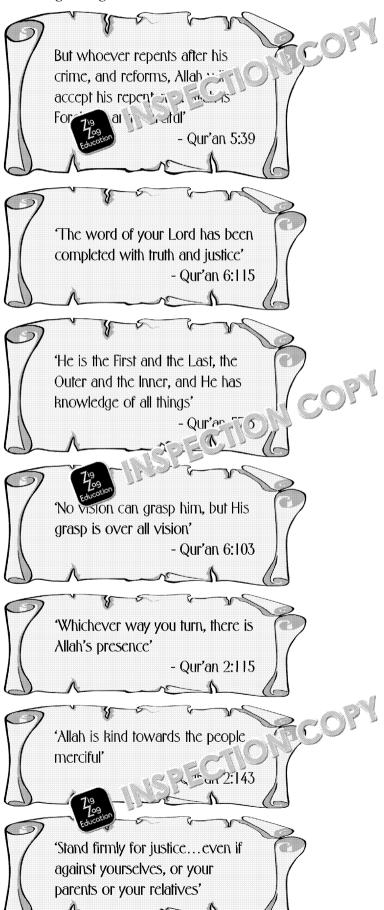
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Activity 4 - The Nature of God

Read the quotes below from the Qur'an and match them to what you think t belief regarding the nature of God.



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Activity 5 – Angels

Look at the angels below and fill in the purpose of each angel on the angel's body



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Fill in the blanks of the statements below with the words which will make the statements

Angels were the	creation of Alla's cording to Islan
that Allah made angels from	
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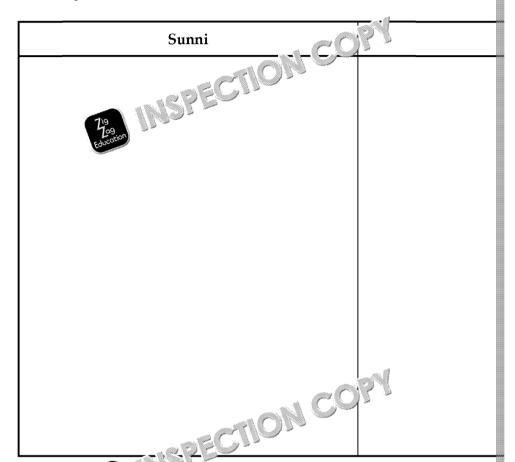
They are without and are,	therefore, able to
humans all education Unlike humans, they do not	and so will
humans all Unlike humans, they do not	have

Angels are	than Allah, but	than I
able to	with both.	



Activity 6 - Predestination and Human Fr

Look at the table and the statements below; copy the statements given belowhich represents the branch of Islam which holds that belief.



Hint: Som



se beliefs are shared by both Sunni and Shi'a.

- 1. Allah knows, but does not necessarily decide what is going to happen.
- 2. God does not live within linear time as humans do, and is, therefore, able to know beforehand what choices people will make.
- 3. While human. in lake choices, God has dy secided what that choice will be; ledwood it is predestined.

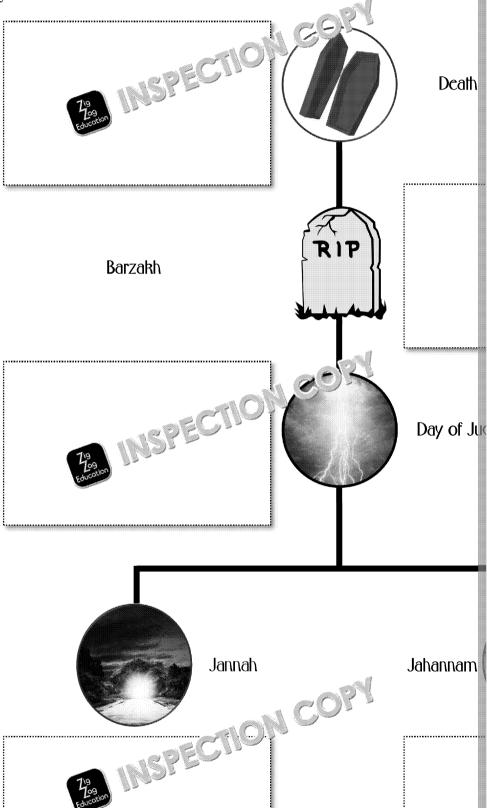
- 4. All actions take time are written decrees (book contents)
- 5. Humans still had choice, even the what choice the
- **6.** Because of the decides what is entirety of crea

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Activity 7 - Life after Death

Look at the timeline below. Fill in the blank spaces next to the photos using Muslim believes happens at this point in the life/death/afterlife cycle. Feel you would like.



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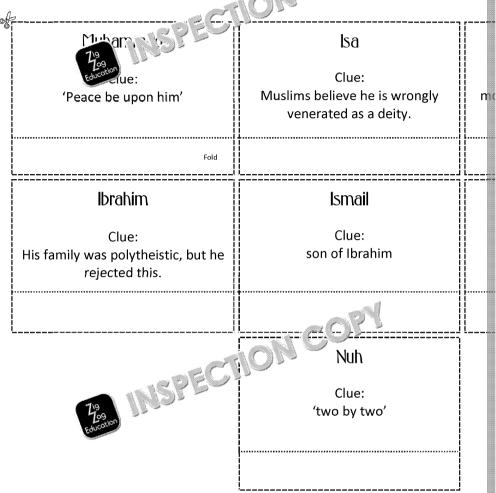
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Activity 8 - Prophethood

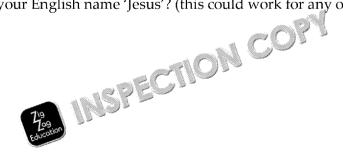
Who's Who?

Cut out along the indicated lines to create a Who's Who board. Then, in pa to play a game of Who's Who with the prophets. You must use facts about in your lesson to guess what your opponent has a. Clues are given for opponent is struggling to guess.



Example Who's Who questions could be:

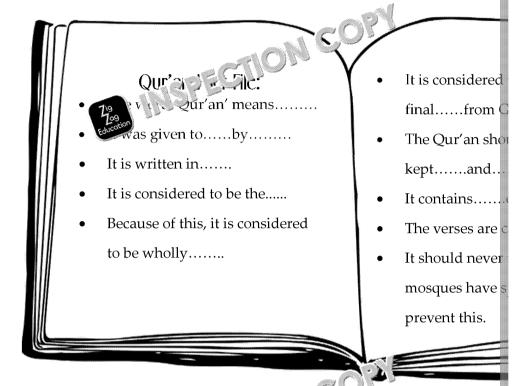
- Are you a major prophet?
- Were you the last prophet?
- Did you receive the Gospel?
- Did you receive the Psalms?
- Is your English name 'Jesus'? (this could work for any of the Arabic ter





Activity 9 - The Qur'an

Complete the fact file on the book below to remember important facts about he Qur'an.



Extension task

Look at the Qur'an verses listed and wr about the 29 or the Qur'an.

Verse	Revelation
Qur'an 2:2	
Qur'an 17:9	TSPECTION COPY
Zjo Jos Education Qur'an 3:2–4	

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Activity 10 - Other Holy Books

Look at the statements below. Based on your knowledge, tick the correct a

- 1) What are the Gospels in Islam considered to be?
 - Another word for Qur'an
 - A holy text that has been lost
 - Matthew, Mark, Luk
- Live the Psalms were given to?



В Isa

Dawud

What do Muslims believe happened to the Zabur?

It was lost

It did not exist

It was never written down

What are the Scrolls of Abraham?

The Hebrew Torah

- Revelation given to Abraham/I'm h. n.
- The Old Testament
- ame for the Gospels? What i

a

- B Zabur
- Injil
- What is the Arabic name for the Psalms?

Zabur

- **Tawrat**
- C Injil
- Which prophet received the Injil?

Dawud

- Ismail
- C
- How d Edu slims know about these other holy books?

They are referenced in the Qur'an

- They still read and use them
- They were discovered recently

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Activity 11 – Imamate in Shi'a Islan

Using the clues below and your knowledge of the imamate, complete the c

Feel free to work by yourself or in pairs.

Description for crossword clues:

- 1) What one of the 12 leaders of C (a) 1.1 was called
- 2) A leader of an Islamic my lay, which in Sunni Islam would be a leader
- 3) The branch of I have believes in the authority of the imamates
- 4) Name 7 predominant branch of Shi'a Islam which believes in the
- 5) Daugh the Prophet, started the lineage of the imams
- 6) Imams guided Shi'a Islam up until this century
- 7) The twelfth and final imam
- 8) Son-in-law of the Prophet, started the lineage of the imams
- 9) The designated day on which Twelvers believe the Mahdi will return f
- 10) What Shi'as believe the imams were sent to do
- 11) What was the fate of the first 11 imams?
- 12) Term for the family of Muhammad





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Activity 12 - Assessment (1)

Below is an example answer to an exam question on this topic. With a part example question and discuss how many marks you would give this answer Annotate the answer with your thoughts. Think about what the person dic potentially improve upon if this was your own area. The question has a

Question:

Explain two reasons the an important source of authority in Islandian

The Quiest book in Islam, as it was given to Mul

There are other books considered to be holy in Islam, but the misinterpreted, so Allah sent the final revelation in the form it could not be confused.

Guide for Marking:

- Demonstrate clear knowledge and personal representation of two reasons why source of authority.
- A simple explanation of the farmer one mark.
- A detr peles pron will garner two. For example, a detailed descript
- Consis bod grammar and spelling will be a feature of higher-mark

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Activity 13 – Assessment (2)

Look at the following statements about Islamic beliefs you have looked at sones you believe to be true, and an 'F' next to the ones that you believe are Bonus points will be given for being able to offer the correct answer to the

1)	Muslims believe that the Qur'an is the ho Vac immutable Word of C
2)	The set 79 justices of God include: immanence, transcendence, omnimercy, researches and justice.
3)	Muslims believe that Jesus was a prophet, whose Arabic name is Isma
4)	'Tawhid' is the term meaning the power of God under which all Mus
5)	The sin of shirk is to deny the Oneness of God. It is particularly ser
5)	There are five root and a share are five root.
7)	In Islam, Jahannam is heaven and Jannah is hell.

Other books apart from the Qur'an that are regarded as holy include the

The imamate refers to the belief in Shi'a Islam in goup of 11 imams

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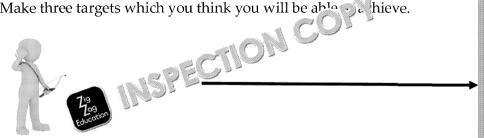


Zabur (Psalms) and the injl (Gospels).

Muslims from the death of Muhamma luntine.

Activity 14 - Feedback and Target Sc

Write the feedback you received from your teacher on your assessment und. Then think about how you might improve and create a target. Then write picture to remember. Under the arrow write a sentence about how you might have three targets which you think you will be able to hieve.







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Answers

Activity 1: The Six Articles of Faith in Sunni Islam

Questions:

- 1) What are the names of The Six Articles of Faith in Sunni Jalam?
- 2) Give one reason Muslims believe Allah sent prop
- 3) According to Sunnis, what is Muhammad to sid to be?
- 4) What is Tawhid?
- 5) In Islam, it is a sin to suggest and Cours less than one. What is the name of the
- 6) Give an example of 'at the Secater and the lesser forms of this sin.
- 8) What consider the Qur'an to be?
- 9) Do Mustale Believe angels have free will?
- 10) What do angels never cease doing, according to the Qur'an?

Answers:

- 1) The Six Articles of Faith in Sunni Islam are: Tawhid, the authority of Qur'an, belief in Angels, the prophets, and the Day of Judgement.
- 2) Sunnis believe Allah sent prophets because in his mercy, he did not want to I messages to them through his prophets.
- 3) The Seal of the Prophets, alternatively the last or final prophet to whom God of revelation
- 4) The concept of the Oneness of God
- 5) Shirk
- 6) Greater shirk is to openly state that there is more than one God, or to contract one. Lesser is to verbally state that Allah is one, but inwardly not believe this
- 7) The living and the dead, according to their good and bad deeds
- 8) The Word of God/the final revelation
- 9) No
- 10) Worshipping God

Activity 2 – Five Roots J. Jan. A-Din (Shi'a Islam)

Roots:

Students couled written any of the following details:

- **Tawhid:** Tawhid means the Oneness of God; this is what makes Islam a more only one God. A grave sin within Islam is to express that there is more than of Greater shirk is to verbally say there is more than one God, lesser shirk is to consimultaneously not believing this to be true.
- Imamate: Imamate is a Shi'a belief that Allah sent 12 imams after the death of Islam as a faith up until 9 CE, following the death of the Prophet Muhammad from Muhammad through his daughter (Fatima) and son-in-law (Ali). These infallible. The dominant belief is held by the 'Twelvers', indicating the number that the final imam did not die; however, he has been hidden by God. They of Judgement with Jesus.
- Adalat: the justice of God; this is the belief that God treats people fairly and kinds the Qur'an and the hadiths. Shi'a Muslims believe believe God is just and fair scriptures, and will act accordingly in his superior krowing dge and infallibility
- Resurrection: this refers to the resurrection as all pippen at the Day of Jud believe that when a person dies, their by a standard in the state of of Judgement, which God decides, their by a dead will experience a bodily resurrent they are Muslim. And then be judged by their deeds in life by a committed and the state of the st
- (Jahan 19 Bo) or these are understood to be real, tangible places.
 Risalal hears 'prophethood'. It is through prophets that Allah communiconsidered to have been multiple prophets sent by Allah throughout history; got altered or confused and thus he revealed his final message (the Qur'an) to According to Shi'a belief there have been multiple prophets including Adam, Dawud (David), Isa (Jesus) and finally Muhammad.

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Venn Diagram:

- Sunni Section: God's Will, authority of the Qur'an, angels, Day of Judgement
- Shi'a Section: imamates, resurrection, justice of God
- Overlap Section: Tawhid, Risalah (belief in prophets).

Activity 3: Tawhid

The incorrect words are highlighted and the correction in luded in brackets a

- 1) The concept of Tawhid means that Islam i a 101 istic faith. (monotheistic
- 2) There are 77 beautiful names for 1' (n) ... am. (99)
- 3) Some Muslims use a strin 33, res to remember all the names of Allah.
- 4) While Tawhid is it is not a central facet of the Islamic faith. (redac
- 5) The A. 79 or Jor God ('Allah') has many plural forms. (does not have a property of the Allah') or God ('Allah') has many plural forms.

Potential names for Allah: the Sovereign, the Holy, the Peace-Giver, the Faith-Give the Omnipotent, the Overwhelming, the Creator, the Maker, the Designer, the Maje the Absolute (Qur'an 112:2), the Gracious, the Merciful (beginning of every chapter Loving, Possessor of the Glorious Throne (Qur'an 85:14–15).

Activity 4: The Nature of God

The verses match up to their corresponding nature of God, as shown in the table b

'But whoever repents after his crime, and reforms, Allah will accept his repentant Allah is Forgiving and Merciful' 'The word of your Lord has been completed with at his justice' 'He is the First and the Last 1' Out and the Inner, and He has knowledge of all and the state of the property of the way you turn, there is Allah's presence' 'Allah is kind towards the people, merciful'

Activity 5: Angels

Angel Bodies:

• Jibril/Jibrail: This is the angel which conveys God's mediges to his prophets

'Stand firmly for justice…even if against yourselves, or your parents or your relat

- Izra'l: This is the angel of death, who takes from (u) is their last breath when
- Mika'il: This is the angel of mercy, where he is the same of the
- Israfil: This is the ar is seponsible for sounding the trumpet on the

Fill in the ¿

Angels were education st creation of Allah according to Islamic belief. Muslims believe

They are without **sin**, and are, therefore, able to **enter** the presence of **God**. Like A will not **die** as humans all will. Unlike humans, they do not have **free** will.

Angels are **lesser** than Allah, but **greater** than humans, and, therefore, are able to

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Activity 6: Predestination and Human Freedom

Sunni God does not live within linear time as humans do, and is, therefore, able to know beforehand what choices people will make. While humans might make choices God has

- While humans might make choices, God has already decided what that choice will be; he is predestined.
- 4. All actions taken by human are written down in the base of life.
- 6. Because the Will of God, he decides what 79 to nappen in the entirety of creation.
- 1. Allah knows, but dis going to happen.
- 2. God does not live do, and is, therefor what choices people
- 4. All actions taken by written down in the
- 5. Humans still have though God alread make.

Activity 7: Life after Death

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Answers surrounding these topics may include any of the following details:

Death	 Muslims believe that God alone can decide who dies at what performance of the August 1986. It is also a belief that the Angel Izra'l takes the final breath from the August 1986.
Barzakh	 Akhirah is the afterlife, Barzakh is the state of waiting one entoof Judgement. Some Muslims believe that after you die, you stay in the grave Some Muslims believe that in the grave each human will be viask them questions. Should they answer correctly, some Musthe Day of Judgement.
Day of Judgemen	 Only God knows when the Day of Jobes will come and only It will begin when the anglifation of a new earth. It is at this and of humankind, living and dead, will the sook of Life will be handed to each individual. If it has have done good and will go to heaven. If it is handed to their and will go to hell. The souls are sorted by crossing the Sirat Bridge which spans are destined for heaven will travel there over the bridge, those the flames.
Jannah	 Jannah is heaven. It is commonly described as a garden, full of beautiful creation. There is great beauty and joy here, as this is the reward for fair good deeds throughout their lifetime. Inhabitants of heaven are described as being eternally young. Despite it being haram (forbidden) to drink earthly alcohol, he not intoxicate. This is something that inhabitants of heaven cannot be a something that the something that inhabitants of heaven cannot be a something that the something that the something that the something that the
Jahannar 7	 Jahannam is hell. Qur'an 22:19–22 A place of great sufference of an and punishment for those who did also reimagery is used to describe hell within the Qur'an anose in hell will be punished with pain from fire and boiling with developed a physical tolerance to the pain, they are given a new fresh. Unlike some other world religions, some Muslims believe that are not condemned to suffer for all eternity. For some, once the fire and have honestly repented, they may be allowed into here

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Activity 8: Prophethood

Listen to your class playing Who's Who; look out for the best descriptions and detail

Activity 9: The Qur'an

Qur'an Fact File:

- It was given to Muhammad by God/Al'-1
 It is written in Arabic
- It is considered to be the land of the lan
- Because of this, it is idered to be wholly **infallible**It is co 79 do be the final **revelation/teaching/word** from God.
 The Question of the property of the p
- It contains 114 chapters.
- The verses are called **surahs**
- It should never touch the floor so mosques have special stands to prevent this

Verse exercise

Verses	Revelation(s)
Qur'an 2:2	That there is no uncertainty in the Qur'anIt is a guide for the righteous
Qur'an 17:9	 It is morally upstanding Gives good news to believers in Islam Contains promise of reward for the faithful
Qur'an 3:2–4	 Came after other books and revelation bm God These were the Torah (etc.) value of become confused Contains the correction and living well in the sight of God

Activity 10: Other I'c

- 1) В
- C 5)
- 2) C

6) Α

3) В C

4) В

Activity 11: Imamate in Shi'a Islam

Word	Description/Clue
Imamate	What term is used to refer to the concept of leadership in Shi'
Imam	A leader of an Islamic community, which in Sunni Islam wou
Shi'a	The branch of Islam which believes in the authority of the im
Twelvers	Name for the predominant branch of Sillslam which believe
Fatima	Daughter of the Prophet, star of the imams
Ninth century	Imams guided Cl Sli up until this century
Mahdi	The to a twelfth and final imam
Ali 719	aw of the Prophet, started the lineage of the imams
Judgement Education	The designated day on which Twelvers believe the Mahdi will
Guide	What Shi'as believe the imams were sent to do
Death	What was the fate of the first 11 imams?
Ahl al-Bayat	Term for the family of Muhammad

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Activity 12: Assessment (1)

The question is stated as requiring four marks. It has enough detail to garner three

'The Qur'an is the holiest book in Islam, as it was given to Muhammad as the final revelati Word of God. (1)

There are other books considered to be holy in Islam, but they was sinterpreted, so Allah of the Qur'an so that it could not be confused. (1)

Other details students could include in the marks here would be:

- The Qur'an is written in the Cod's holy language.
- There are ther the ks including the Tawrat (Torah), Zabur (Psalms) and
- The of 7°_{\circ} y books were given to the following prophets: Tawrat \rightarrow Musa (Dawud Education d); Injil (Gospels)→ Isa (Jesus).
- Tawrat (Torah), Zabur (Psalms) and Injil (Gospels).
- A student could give a Qur'an quote to support their answer; for example Qu the Book with the Truth, confirming what came before it; and He sent down However, this is not essential for a four-mark question.

Activity 13: Assessment (2)

- 1) True
- 2) True
- 3) False – Muslims believe Jesus was an important prophet whose Arabic name
- 4) False - Tawhid means the 'Oneness of God'
- 5) True
- True 6)
- 7) False – Jannah is heaven, while Jahannam is hall
- 8)
- False a succession of 12 imerated the Shi's 9)





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