

Exam skills & writing structures

Question types

a	Outline	Brief statement
b & c	Explain	Develop - show understanding
d	Evaluate	Find strengths or weaknesses within arguments to make a final judgement on the strongest argument

DREARES – D style questions

D	Disagree	Some _____ would disagree with this statement on the grounds of...
R	Reason	This is because they believe that... In the Bible/Quran it says... Therefore, they would argue that...
E	Evaluate strength	This is a strong/weak argument because...
A	Agree	However, some _____ would agree with this statement on the grounds of...
R	Reason	This is because they believe that... In the Bible/Quran it says... Therefore, they would argue that...
E	Evaluate strength	This is a strong/weak argument because...
S	Strongest	Overall, the strongest argument is... This is because... and so... therefore...

Christianity Paper - Topic List

Christian beliefs & Living the C life	Marriage and family	Matters of Life and Death
The Trinity	Marriage	Christian teachings about the origins of the universe
Christian worship & prayer	Sexual relationships	Christian teachings about the sanctity of life
The sacraments	Families	Christian responses to scientific and non-religious explanations about the origins and value of human life
Pilgrimage	Support from the parish	Implications of the value and sanctity of life for the issue of abortion
Christian celebrations	Family planning	Christian teachings and beliefs about life after death
Importance of the local Church	Divorce and remarriage	Christian teachings about the value and sanctity of life for the issue of euthanasia
The worldwide church	Equality	Christian response to issues in the natural world
	Gender prejudice	Christian response to issues of suffering

Islam Paper - Topic List

Islam beliefs & Living the Muslim life	Crime & punishment	Peace & conflict
Life of the prophet & (Risalah)	Muslim attitudes towards justice: why justice is important for Muslims, important for victims	Muslim attitudes to Peace
Sunni & Shia Muslims	Crime: the nature, causes and problem of crime, Muslim groups to end crime, including the Muslim Chaplains Association	The role of Muslims peace-making
The hadith & Kutub (Holy books)	Muslim attitudes about good, evil and suffering: the nature of good actions, how they are rewarded, and the nature of evil actions why people suffer, including believing in religion	Muslim attitudes to conflict
Tawhid (The oneness of Allah)	Punishment: The aims of punishment (protection, retribution, deterrence and reformation)	Pacifism
Malaikah (Belief in angels)	Forgiveness: Restorative justice, and why it is important for criminals How offenders are forgiven by the community and why this is needed	Just War theory
Al-Qadar & Akhirah – predestination & the afterlife	The treatment of criminals: Muslim attitudes towards torture, human rights, fair trial,	Holy War
Five pillars: Shahadah, hajj, zakah, sawm, salah Six beliefs, 10 obligatory acts	Muslim attitudes towards the death penalty: Divergent Muslim teachings about the nature, purpose and arguments surrounding the use of capital punishment	Weapons of mass destruction (WMD)
Celebrations		Issues surrounding conflict
Jihad (Holy war)		

