

**Christianity**

		Theme 1 ABC Religious Figures and Sacred Texts PLC	R	A	G
A Jesus: his birth	Consistency and credibility of the birth narratives				
	Harmonisation and redaction				
	The doctrine of the incarnation				
	Incarnation as kenosis				
B Jesus: his resurrection	The resurrection in John 20-21				
	Paul's understanding of the resurrection 1 Corinthians 15				
	Rudolf Bultmann's interpretation of the resurrection				
	N. T. Wright's interpretation of the resurrection				
C The Bible as a source of wisdom and authority in daily	The Bible as authority and a source of moral advice				
	The Bible's teaching on the meaning and purpose of life				
	The Bible as a guide to everyday living				
	The Bible as a source of comfort and encouragement				
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	30 mark exam question (AO2)				
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A The Nature of God	<b>Theme 2 ABC Religious Concepts PLC</b>			R	A
	The issue of male language about God				
	The pastoral benefits and challenges of the model of Father				
	Sallie McFague: God as mother				
	Can God suffer?				
	Jurgen Moltmann: The Crucified God				
B The Trinity	The need for the doctrine of the Trinity				
	The nature of Christ and relationship with the Father				
	The origin of the Holy Spirit: the filioque controversy				
	Modern developments of the Trinity				
	The monotheistic claims of the doctrine of the Trinity				
	Is the doctrine of the Trinity necessary for understanding God?				
C The Atonement	The death of Jesus as Christus Victor				
	The death of Jesus as a satisfaction and substitution				
	The death of Jesus as a moral example				
	The assumption of the need for divine forgiveness				
	Are the three images of the atonement contradictory?				
	Do the three images suggest the Christian God is cruel?				
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A Faith and Works	Theme 2 DEF Religious Life PLC		
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	Luther and justification by faith alone		
	The Council of Trent as a response to Luther		
	A modern view: E. P. Sanders		
B The Community of Believers	Do the NT letters support arguments for justification by faith alone?		
	Are both faith and works aspects of justification?		
	The New Testament community of believers		
	The NT community of believers as a model for the contemporary church		
C Key Moral Principles	The role of churches in providing worship, sacraments & mission		
	Is the main role of the church to provide religious teaching?		
	The importance of love of neighbour		
	God's love as a potential model for Christian behaviour		
	A regard for truth		
Skills	The role of conscience		
	The need for forgiveness		
	Is God's behaviour towards humans the basis for Christian morality?		
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A Religious identity through diversity in baptism	Theme 4 ABC Religious practices that shape religious identity PLC		
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	The case for infant baptism by Augustine and Zwingli		
	The case for believer's baptism		
	Karl Barth: Baptism as union with Christ		
B Religious identity through diversity in Eucharist	The criteria for expressing the commitment to be baptised		
	Are both infant and adult baptism just symbolic acts?		
	The importance of the Eucharist in Christian communities		
	Roman Catholic understanding of the Eucharist		
	Protestant understandings of the Eucharist		
C Religious identity through diversity in festivals	The similarities in Eucharistic practice in Christian traditions		
	Do the beliefs about the Eucharist affect the practice of denominations?		
	Advent and Christmas in the Western Church		
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	Lent and Easter in the Western Church		
Skills	Lent and Easter in the Eastern Church		
	The relative importance of Easter and Christmas		
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D The Bible as a source of wisdom and authority	Theme 1 DEF Religious Figures and Sacred Texts PLC			R	A	G
	How the Christian biblical canon was established					
	The objective view of inspiration					
	The subjective view of inspiration					
	John Calvin's doctrine of accommodation					
	To what extent can the Bible be regarded as the inspired word of God?					
	Are the Christian biblical canonical orders inspired, as opposed to just the texts they contain?					
E The early church (in Acts of the Apostles)	Its message and format: the kerygmata					
	C. H. Dodd on kerygma					
	The challenges to the kerygmata					
	To what extent is the kerygmata of any value for Christians today?					
F Two Views of Jesus	Do the speeches in Acts have any historical value?					
	Wright: worldviews make a difference					
	Wright: critical realism					
	Wright: the true Messiah					
	Crossan's method					
	Using apocryphal Gospels					
	Is it valid to use critical realism to understand Jesus?					
Skills	Is it valid to use the apocryphal gospels to understand Jesus?					
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D Religious identity through unification	Theme 4 DEF Religious practices that shape religious identity PLC			R	A	G
	The development of the Ecumenical Movement since 1910					
	The World Council of Churches: rationale and mission					
	The Work of the World Council of Churches in three areas					
	The criteria for expressing the commitment to be baptised					
	Are both infant and adult baptism just symbolic acts?					
	Can the work of the WCC be viewed as a success or failure?					
E Religious identity through religious experience	To what extent does the non-membership of the RCC affect the aims of the WCC?					
	Introduction to the Charismatic Movement					
	The development of the Charismatic Movement post-1960					
	Main beliefs and implications for Christian practice					
	Philosophical challenges to charismatic experience					
	Do the beliefs about the Eucharist affect the practice of denominations?					
	What are the strengths and weaknesses of the charismatic movement?					
F Religious Identity through responses to poverty and injustice	Does a natural explanation for charismatic experiences conflict with the religious value of the experience?					
	Introduction to liberation theology					
	The political basis of Latin American theology					
	The religious basis of Latin American theology					
	The ethical basis of Latin American theology					
	Roman Catholic Church responses to liberation theology					
	Are the political and ethical foundations of liberation theology more important than any religious foundations?					
Skills	To what extent does liberation theology offer a cultural challenge to the RCC?					
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		Theme 3 ABC Significant social developments in religious thought PLC		
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A Attitudes toward wealth		The dangers of wealth		
		Biblical teaching on stewardship		
		The ascetic ideal		
		The prosperity Gospel		
		To what extent is wealth a sign of God's blessing?		
		Is the ascetic ideal compatible with Christianity?		
B Migration and Christianity in the UK		The challenges of Christian migration to the UK		
		The reverse mission movement to the UK		
		Does Christianity in the UK need the support of missionaries?		
		To what extent is the UK a modern mission field?		
		How easy is it for Christian migrants to assimilate into Christian churches in the UK?		
C Feminist theology and the changing role of men and women		The contribution of Rosemary Radford Ruether to feminist theology		
		The contribution of Mary Daly to feminist theology		
		The issue of ordination of women priests and bishops		
		Are men and women equal in Christianity?		
		To what extent does feminist theology impact on modern Christian practice?		
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D Challenges from secularisation		Whether the UK can be called a 'Christian country'		
		The value of Christian faith schools		
		Beliefs conflicting with laws of the country and perceived challenges		
		How effective is the Christian response to the challenge of secularity?		
		To what extent can the UK be called a Christian country?		
E Challenges from science		The relationship between science and religion		
		Contrasting views of Richard Dawkins and Alister McGrath		
		The limits of science		
		The 'God of the gaps' argument		
		To what extent must a scientist be an atheist?		
		Has science reduced the role of God in Christianity?		
F Challenges from pluralism and diversity within a tradition		The exclusivist and inclusivist views expressed in the Bible		
		The contribution of Karl Rahner		
		The contribution of John Hick		
		Pluralistic universalism		
		Universalistic pluralism and Christian universalism		
		To what extent is it possible to be both a committed Christian and a religious pluralist?		
		To what extent does the Christian Bible promote exclusivism?		
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