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| **GCSE Religious Studies Short Course****Exam Board: Eduqas (Specification A). Within the course there are 3 papers:**1. Christianity: Beliefs and teachings – 30 min paper, 25% of final grade.
2. Islam: Beliefs and teachings– 30 min paper , 25% of final grade.
3. Religion, Philosophy & Ethics – 1hr Paper, 50% of final grade (Topics: Relationships, Life & Death)

**Key words** (also in bold below) – 1. Relationships: roles, responsibilities, commitment, cohabitation, contraception, adultery, divorce, gender equality. 2. Life and death issues: Evolution, environmental sustainability, sanctity of life, quality of life, abortion, euthanasia, afterlife, soul. 3. Christian beliefs: Trinity, omnibenevolence, omnipotence, incarnation, resurrection, atonement, salvation, judgement. 4. Islam beliefs: Tawhid, immanence, transcendence, prophethood, angels, akhirah, al -Qadr **Objectives** – To **define**, **describe**, **explain** and **evaluate** the following issues: |
| **RPE – Life & Death (Non-religious & Christianity)*** Origins of the universe (different views on creation story/scientific theory - big bang, **evolution**)
* **Environmental sustainability**: dominion, stewardship, global citizens, Humanists for a better world
* Origin and **sanctity of life** and **quality of life** debate.
* **Abortion**
* **Euthanasia**, Dignity in Dying
* **Afterlife** and the **soul**
* Funerals
 | **Muslim Beliefs and Teachings*** The nature of **Allah** (**tawhid, immanence, transcendence** etc)
* Risalah (**prophethood**)
* Sunni and Shi’a
* Malaikah (**Angels**)
* 6 Sunni articles of faith
* 5 Shi’a roots of faith
* Attitudes to books, scrolls, Torah, psalms & Gospels
* **Akhirah** (Afterlife)
* **Al Qadr** (Predestination)
 | **Christian Beliefs and Teachings*** The nature of God (**Trinity**, **omnibenevolence** and **omnipotence**)
* Jesus’ birth; the **incarnation**
* Jesus’ crucifixion, **resurrection**, ascension
* Law and sin
* **Atonement** and **salvation**
* The Holy Spirit
* Afterlife and **Judgement**
 | **RPE – Relationships (Christianity & Islam)*** Purpose of relationships and families (including **roles** and **responsibilities**)
* Marriage, **commitment** and **cohabitation**
* Sex and **contraception**
* Same sex relationships
* **Adultery**, **divorce** and remarriage
* **Gender equality** and attitudes towards women in worship and authority
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