Revision schedule

GCSE Religious studies: Beliefs in action (Edexcel 9-1 specification B)

- Outlined below is a step by step revision schedule for the above GCSE course.
- This outlines what you must study and suggests a variety of ways that you can do so.
- The page numbers refer to the official Edexcel revision guide.
- Please tick off the topics as you progress through them, and ensure that they are signed off.

Attempt the revision questions as they incorporate revision of topics not always outlines in the tasks, and its great practice! Try to time yourselves – 1 minute per mark available e.g. five minutes on a five mark 'c' style question.

Topic	Page number	What you could do	Revised
The Trinity	10	Draw a triangle and label the three part of the Trinity. For each label draw lines from it stating characteristics and relevant information about each one e.g. The Son – God incarnate.	
		Create a flash card for each of the persons of the Trinity and include relevant descriptors on the back – test yourself.	
		Find out what the Catechism says about the Trinity (SOA)	
		Make and mind map of all the ways that the Trinity is shown in worship.	
		Answer the following questions:	
		c) Explain two reasons why Christians believe in the Trinity. Refer to a source of authority in your answer. (5)	
		a) Outline three ways in which belief in the Trinity is shown in Christian worship. (3)	
The creation of the universe	12	Watch the following video: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ean_aMNkAgM Create a flow diagram of the creation story according to Genesis. What is the difference between Genesis 1 and Genesis 2-3?	
		Create three character cards – a Literalist Christian, a Conservative Christian and a Liberal Christian (a little like Evangelical, Roman Catholic and Church of England). For each card I want you to write their interpretation to the Genesis story.	
		Answer the following questions: c) Explain two different interpretations of the accounts of the creation in Genesis. Refer to a source of authority (5) b) Explain two reasons why belief about creation are important for Christians today. (4)	
The incarnation	14	Write a paragraph explaining what the incarnation is.	

		Create a Venn diagram displaying the similarities and differences of the incarnation, according to Matthew, John and Luke. Give me five – Flash back to year 7! Draw around your hand and on each finger; I want you to write a reason for the importance/significance of the incarnation for Christians.	
The last days of	16	Answer the following question: a) Outline three features of the birth story as described in Matthew's Gospel. (3) Create a story board with six boxes (12 including the	
Jesus' life		description) You need to explain what happens in the Last Supper, the betrayal and arrest, the trial, the crucifixion, the resurrection and the ascension.	
		You can then create flash cards with the event name on one side and the events that occurred on the other – test yourself over the next couple of days. Stretch task is to add relevant sources of authority.	
	40	Answer the following question: b) Explain two reasons why the events of his last days show the importance of Jesus. In your answer, refer to a source of authority and wisdom. (5)	
The nature of salvation	18	Remind yourself of the meaning of salvation. What role does Jesus play in salvation? Mind map all the reasons why salvation is important to	
		Christians. Have a different strand coming from your mind map where you explain the divergent Christian understandings of atonement	
		Answer the following question: d) Only those who have been saved from sin will get to heaven. (12)	
Christian eschatology	20	Create a venn diagram showing the similarities and differences for Evangelical, Liberal and Catholic belief surround eschatology.	
		What is the picture below portraying? Give me five – write down five reasons Christians believe in life after death.	

		For each reason attach a reason why this belief is important	
		to Christians.	
		Answer the following question:	
		d) Christians are better people because of their beliefs about	
		life after death. (12)	
The problem of	22	Watch the following video:	
evil and suffering		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYct1KrflbU	
		Identify two examples of moral evil and two example of	
		natural evil.	
		Now watch the next video:	
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lknO7HnX6CE	
		What problems does evil and suffering cause for belief in	
		God? Try to think of three problems.	
		January 11 and 1	
		Answer the following question:	
		d) Evil and suffering are the fault of humans. (12)	
Solutions to the	24	Remind yourself of the book of Job (This is a great source	
problem of evil		of authority to refer to)	
and suffering		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GswSg2ohqmA.	
		Explain how the book of Job can help Christians explain	
		evil and suffering.	
		Create four cards and on each one give a different Christian	
		response to evil and suffering e.g. Free will	
		What are some of the practical responses from Christians to	
		evil and suffering e.g. prayer.	
		Answer the following question:	
		a Outline three different ways in which Christians respond	
		to the problem of evil and suffering. Refer to a source of	
		authority (5)	
Marriage	26	Brainstorm six reasons why people may get married.	
		Create a mind map of reasons why Christians get married.	
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		How have attitudes towards marriage changed? Try to find a	
		statistic on how the numbers of people cohabiting have	
		changed over the years.	
		How do Christians respond to pre-marital sex, cohabitation	
		and same-sex marriage?	
		Answer the following questions:	
		Answer the following questions:	
		a) Outline three Christian beliefs about marriage. (3)	
		c) Explain two reasons why Christians get married. Refer to a source of authority. (5)	
Sexual	28		
	20	Venn diagram – Christian and Humanist attitudes to sex	
relationships		outside of marriage.	
		Character cards – create three character cards:	
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Equality of men	38	Spider diagram the biblical teachings on equality of men and	
and women in		women.	
the family		Create four character cards:	
		Liberal protestants	
		Roman Catholic	
		Church of England	
		Evangelical	
		For each one explain their response to equal roles of men	
		and women.	
		Answer the following questions:	
		a Outline two reasons why some Christians think men and women should have different roles in the family.	
		c) Explain two reasons why some Christians believe that	
		men and women should have equal roles in the family. Refer to a source of authority. (5)	
Gender	40	Create three character cards:	
discrimination		Liberal protestants	
		Roman Catholic	
		Evangelical	
		For each card, explain what their response is to gender	
		prejudice and discrimination.	
		Remind yourself of what the Ordination of women is	
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0S2WlvNTU8	
		Explain how they work to oppose gender prejudice and discrimination.	
		Answer the following question:	
		d) Christians should never treat women differently from	
Worship	42	men. (12) Create four flash cards:	
w oramb	74	Liturgical worship	
		Non-liturgical worship	
		Informal worship	
		Private worship	
		For each flashcard explain what that type of worship	
		involves on the other side of the card, and test yourself.	
		Give four reasons why it is important to have different	
		types of worship.	
		Answer the following question:	
		a) Outline three types of Christian worship. (3)	

The role of the	44	List the seven sacraments and explain why they are
sacraments in Christian life		important in a Christian's life.
		Which Christian denominations don't have any sacraments?
		Which two sacraments are the only two that Anglican and Protestant Christians take?
		Explain what Baptism and the Eucharist involve in detail.
		Answer the following questions: b) Explain two reasons why baptism is important for most
The nature and	46	Christians. (4) What are the main purposes of prayer? E.g. adoration.
purpose of		What are the manifested of prayer. E.g. adoradon
prayer		Read the Lord's prayer, what is it asking for? E.g. forgiveness.
		Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth,
		As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
		And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,
		But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory,
		For ever and ever. Amen.
		Brainstorm why Christians pray e.g. praying to a loved one.
		Answer the following question:
Pilgrimage	48	d) Everyone needs to pray. (12) Identify where the following pilgrimage sites are, and what
i iigiiiiiage		Christians might do there:
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		Answer the following question:

		c) Explain two reasons why pilgrimage is important to many	
		Christians. (5)	
Christian	50	Create three flash cards:	
religious		Christmas	
celebrations		Holy Week	
		Easter Day	
		For each card, explain what it remembers, how it is	
		celebrated and why it is important.	
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		Answer the following question:	
		d) Christmas is more important than Easter. (12)	
The future of the	52	Outline the history and missionary of evangelical work.	
Church			
		Create three flash cards:	
		Alpha course	
		Норе	
		Scripture Union	
		For each one explain what work it does.	
		Explain the difference between Catholic, Evangelical and	
		Liberal Christians attitude towards missionary and	
		evangelical work.	
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		Answer the following question:	
		a) Outline three ways which Christians carry out evangelical	
The instruction	54	work in the UK. (3)	
The importance of the local	34	Spider diagram – how does the local church help the local	
church		community?	
Church		Brainstorm the local church and ecumenism – what does it	
		mean and what do they do?	
		incarr and what do they do.	
		Answer the following question:	
		d) Each area should just have one Christian church – it is	
		not necessary to have separate churches for each	
		denomination. (12)	
The worldwide	56	How and why does the church help with reconciliation?	
church			
		What problems does the church face with persecution?	
		Spider diagram Christian teachings about charity.	
		Watch the following video:	
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXxejNZcpAQ	
	50	How does Christian Aid help to end world poverty?	
Origins and	58	Remind yourself of the big bang theory	
value of the		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gs-yWMuBNr4	
universe		House do Christians research to 12	
		How do Christians respond to it?	
		Things to think about:	

		Carrieries	
		Creationism	
		Apparent age theory	
		The intelligent design	
		The compatibility response	
		Explain the work of Georges Lemaitre.	
		Explain the value of the universe in Christian teachings.	
		Answer the following question:	
		b) Explain two reasons why Christians should not use the	
	40	world as a commodity. (4)	
The sanctity of life	60	For the following tasks, you could use flash cards or spider diagrams.	
		What is the sanctity of life?	
		How does the Bible teach that human life is sacred?	
		What is the Christian view on:	
		Killing in self-defence	
		Killing in war	
		Capital punishment	
		What is the non-religious attitude towards sanctity of life?	
		Answer the following questions:	
		a) Outline three issues where belief in sanctity of life causes	
		problems for Christians. (3)	
The origins and	62	Recall Darwin's theory of evolution and natural selection.	
value of human life			
		AARARA	
		Brainstorm why this theory may cause problems for Christians. How do they respond to it?	
		Cinistans. How do they respond to it:	
		What is the special Agenda 1V	
		Answer the following question:	
		c) Explain two reasons why evolution raises issues for	
		Christians. In your answer, refer to a source of authority. (5)	
The issue of	64	What is an abortion? Write down four of the laws from the	
abortion		1967 abortion act.	
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i		https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/abortion-facts	
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		What do Catholics and liberal protestants think about	
		abortion?	
		https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/catholic-church-vs-	
		abortion	
		What is the atheist and humanist attitude?	
		Apply situation others to the topic of shouting	
Death and the	66	Apply situation ethics to the topic of abortion Spider diagram the reasons that Christians believe in life	
after life	00	after death	
		witer deuts.	
		Then do the same for non-religious arguments for life after	
		death.	
		Answer the following question:	
Non-religious	68	d) Only Christians have evidence for life after death. (12) Brainstorm why some humanists and atheists reject religious	
arguments		arguments for life after death.	
against life after			
death		List five reasons why some Christians do not believe in life	
		after death.	
		Draw arrows coming from these ideas and explain the	
		Christian responses to these non-religious arguments.	
		Answer the following question:	
		a) Outline three reasons why non-religious people do not	
		believe in life after death.	
Euthanasia	70	Why might some people want euthanasia? Watch the	
		following video to help you:	
		https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/writing-your-own-end	
		What are the different Christian responses towards	
		euthanasia?	
		What are the atheist and humanist attitudes?	
		Answer the following question:	
		d) people drying in agony should be offered euthanasia. (12)	
The natural	72	Create three cards and summarise on each:	
world		Threats to the natural world	
		Christian responses	
		Animal rights	
		A narrow that fall arrive arrestion :	
		Answer the following questions: d) animals cannot have rights. (12)	
The nature of	78	On flash cards write down all qualities of Allah and on the	
Allah		other side of the card write down what it means and why it	
		is important.	
		Answer the following question:	
		a) Outline three Muslim beliefs about the nature of	
		Allah (3)	

Risalah	80	Character cards! For each card write down the name of the	
(prophets)		prophet and what they did.	
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		Brain storm all the beliefs that Muslims have about	
		prophets.	
		Answer the following question:	
		b) Explain two beliefs, which the prophets teach	
Maralina la ala	02	muslims. (4)	
Muslim holy books	82	Flashcards! Write down the holy book on one side and what it says and whom it was given to on the other.	
DOOKS		Spider diagram why holy books are significant (important)	
		to Muslims.	
		Answer the following question:	
		c) The Qur'an is God's final word to humanity and so	
		should be obeyed. (12)	
Malaikah (angels)	84	Spider diagram – what does the Qur'an teach about angels?	
		Character cards or flashcards – the angels name goes on one	
		side and what they are responsible for on the other.	
		side and what they are responsible for on the other.	
		Spider diagram – why are angels important to Muslims?	
		Answer the following question:	
		d) Explain two reasons why angels are important in	
Al-Qadr (fate)	86	Islam. (5) Spider diagram – what does Al-Qadr mean and how does it	
711 Quen (rate)		conflict with Muslim teachins on Akirah?	
		Venn diagram – display the differences between Sunni and	
		Shi'a beliefs surrounding Al-Qadr	
		A name of the fellowing or actions	
		Answer the following questions: a) Outline three implications of belief about Al-Qadr	
		(3)	
		b) Explain two reasons why Muslims believe in Al-	
		Qadr. (4)	
Akirah (life after	88	Outline Muslim beliefs about life after death – differences	
death)		between Heaven and Hell.	
		Spider diagram beliefs about the last day.	
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		Answer the following question:	
		a) Outline three Muslim beliefs about the last day. (3)	
Justice	90	What is justice?	
		Spider diagram why justice is important for Muslims	
		Species and and potential for transmit	
		Create a separate spider diagram showing non-religious	
		attitudes to justice	

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		Create a new spider diagram showing why justice is	
		important for the victim.	
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		Answer the following question:	
		b) Explain two reasons why justice is important for	
	0.2	Muslims. (4)	
Crime	92	Watch the following video and mind map all the causes of	
		crime: https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/turf-w4r	
		Outline how Muslims try to prevent crime and how they	
	0.4	prevent criminals from re-offending.	
Muslim attitudes	94	What does Fard, Mandub and haram mean?	
towards good,			
evil and suffering		What are the non-religious attitudes to evil and suffering?	
		Brain storm the different reasons why Muslims suffer.	
		Answer the following question:	
		c) Explain two reasons why evil and suffering cause	
		problems for Muslims. (4)	
Attitudes	96	Name five different types of punishment in the UK	
towards			
punishment		Spider diagram – Muslim teachings about punishment – try	
		to recall these later in the day, perhaps write a new spider	
		diagram from memory.	
		Answer the following question:	
		a) Outline three types of punishment. (3)	
The aims of	98	What are the aims of punishment?	
punishment			
		Create four flash cards – retribution, deterrence, reform and	
		protection. On the other side of the card, explain what these	
		theories of punishment are.	
		Explain the Muslim attitudes to the aims of punishment.	
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		Answer the following question:	
		d) Religious people should be concerned with	
Vousierou son	100	reforming criminals, not punishing them. (12)	
Forgiveness	100	Explain the Muslim beliefs about forgiveness.	
		How does the community forgive offenders?	
		Trow does the community lorgive offenders:	
		Explain what restorative justice is.	
		Explain what restorative justice is.	
		Answer the following question:	
		e) Criminals are more likely to be forgiven and	
		reintegrated into society by religious people. (12)	
The treatment of	102	How many human rights can you list?	
criminals	104	Check them on this - http://www.un.org/en/universal-	
Cilliniais		declaration-human-rights/	
		Outline the Muslim attitudes to the treatment of criminals.	
		Summe the muslim attitudes to the treatment of chillinas.	
		Answer the following question:	
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		a) Outline three human rights criminals should have	
		under the universal declaration of human rights. (3)	
The death	104	What is capital punishment?	
penalty			
		Spider diagram – what are the Muslim attitudes to capital	
		punishment?	
		Create a new spider diagram showing the non-religious	
		attitudes towards capital punishment.	
		Answer the following question:	
		c) Death is the best punishment for murderers. (12)	
The ten	106	Draw 10 small circles and in each one write one of the ten	
obligatory acts		acts. Then stemming from those circles write what each one	
		is.	
		Now explain why the acts are important to Muslims.	
		What is the relationship between the five pillars and Sunni	
		Muslims.	
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		Answer the following question:	
		B) Explain two reasons why the ten obligatory acts are	
		important for Shi'a Muslims. (4)	
Shahadah	108	Draw five large pillars (you will use them in your next four	
		revision sessions) write shahadah in the first one and write	
		what it is. Have lines coming away from the pillar giving reasons why it is important for Muslims.	
		reasons why it is important for Musilins.	
		Answer the following question:	
		D) shahadah is the most important pillar. (12)	
Salah	110	In your second pillar write Salah in it. Then explain what it	
		is. Stemming from the pillar, draw lines giving examples of	
		how Muslims prepare for prayer and why it's important.	
		Write in the pillar what a Jummah prayer is.	
		Answer the following question:	
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		C) explain two reasons why Jummah prayers are important	
		for Muslims. (5) refer to a source of wisdom and authority.	
Sawm	112	In your third pillar write Sawm and explain what it is.	
		Have lines coming away from the pillar explaim8ng why	
		sawm is important.	
		Explain what Laylat-al-Qadr is and why it's important for	
		Muslims.	
		Answer the following question:	
		A) Out, one three things Muslims must not do during	
		daylight hours during Ramadan. (3)	

Zakah and	114	In your fourth pillar write Zakah. Explain what it is.	
khums		Around the pillar give reasons for its importance and any Muslims may it.	
		Explain the difference between Zakah and khums.	
		Answer the following question:	
		D) Zakah and khums alone will never solve the problems of poverty (12)	
Hajj	116	Watch the following video to learn what happened on Hajj https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fngsHQ-Zv5s Or	
		Watch this one for more detail https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=q7q_LcqbvKI	
		Create a flow diagram of what happens on day 1-8.	
		Explain why Hajj is important.	
		Answer the following question: B) Explain two reasons why Hajj is important for Muslims. (4)	
Jihad	118	Explain the meaning of lesser and greater jihad, whilst outlining the difference between the two.	
		Explain why jihad is important to Muslims.	
		Answer the following question:	
		C) Explain two reasons why there are different understandings of jihad in Islam. (5) refer to a source of wisdom and authority.	
Celebrations and commemorations	120	Create four flash cards. On each card write down: Id-ul-adha Id-ul-fitr	
		The commemoration of id-uk-ghadeer The commemoration of Ashura	
		On the other side of the card, write down what they remember and how they celebrate it.	
		Answer the following question:	
		D) Religious celebrations cause nothing but trouble. (12)	
Muslim attitudes towards peace	122	Outline why Islam is considered a religion of peace.	
1		List reasons why peace is important to Muslims.	
		Answer the following question:	

		E) Islam is the House of Peace. (12)	
The role of Muslims in	124	What is peacemaking?	
peacemaking		Why is justice and important part of peacemaking for Muslims? - You can put these ideas into a spider diagram or bullet point list.	
		Then do the same for forgiveness and reconciliation.	
		How do muslims work for peace today? Outline the different ways they do this.	
		Answer the following question:	
		A) Outline three ways in which a Muslim group works for peace. (3)	
Attitudes to	126	List three main problems caused by war and conflict.	
conflict		List three main reasons why wars occur.	
		How do Muslims respond to causes of war?	
		What is the atheist and humanist response to the causes of war?	
		How does situation Ethics fit in to the concept of war?	
		Answer the following question:	
		D) religion is the main cause of war. (12)	
Pacifism	128	What is pacifism?	
		What are the Muslim attitudes to pacifism?	
		What are the non-religious attitudes towards pacifism?	
		Answer the following question:	
		C) Explain two reasons why some Muslims are pacifists. Refer to a source of wisdom and authority (5)	
Just war theory	130	Remind your self of just war theory. Remember: Stewie, Peter, Chris, love, eating, red, jam.	
		What is the Islamic attitude to just war theory?	
		What are the divergent attitudes to just war?	
		Answer the following questions:	
		A) Outline three conditions necessary for a war to be called a just war. (3)	

		B) Explain two reasons why Muslims will fight in a just war. (4)	
Holy war	132	Outline what a holy war is	
		Explain the Muslim teachings about war and peace – you could do a chided diagram or bullet points.	
		What are the non-religious attitudes to holy war?	
		Answer the following question:	
		A) Outline three requirements of a holy war. (3)	
Weapons of mass destruction	134	What are weapons of mass destruction? https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ME-1VIqcR U	
		Create a table with the following two columns: What are the benefits of using them? What are the problems of using them?	
		What are the Muslim attitudes to weapons of mass destruction?	
		What are the non-religious attitudes to weapons of mass destruction?	
		Answer the following question: A) Outline three types of weapons of mass destruction. (3)	
Issues	136	What is violence and what is terrorism?	
surrounding conflict		Explain the Muslim attitude towards violence? How do Muslims work to overcome these issues?	
		What is the atheist and humanist attitude to conflict?	
		Answer the following question: D) Religion should do more to stop violence and terrorism. (12)	