

Pearson Edexcel

GCSE Religious Studies

Top 10 tips for GCSE Religious Studies exams

- 1 Be mindful of time**
Make sure you divide your time equally across the different sections of the exam paper.
- 2 Answer the question**
Focus on the question that is set and ensure all points link to the key words in the question as, off topic material will not be credited.
- 3 Write in full sentences**
All answers (except 'State' questions) must be written in full sentences as, single word answers will limit your marks.
- 4 Write in the space provided below each question**
If you need extra space, use the blank pages and indicate where the rest of your answer can be found (e.g. continued on back page)
- 5 Develop points**
Except for 'Outline' questions, you should add development to points, adding additional detail, quotes or examples, to show understanding.
- 6 Integrate sources of wisdom into your answer**
When using sources of wisdom, ensure they link to the points being made rather than 'tagging' them on at the end of answers.
- 7 Give different views and a conclusion in (d) questions**
These questions will always require you to consider arguments 'for and against' and provide a conclusion.
- 8 Use the question to guide your answer**
The question will state what you need to include in your answer (sources of wisdom, for and against, conclusions etc).
- 9 Appraise the arguments**
You should discuss whether the views and arguments included are valid/convincing in your appraisal, to lead to your overall conclusion.
- 10 Show what you know**
There are no trick questions – the examiner is always looking to positively mark based on what you know.

