**Christian Beliefs – POSSIBLE Examination Style Questions (Oct 2020)**

**The Nature of God**

Give two characteristics which describe the nature of God. (2)

Explain two ways in which the nature of God influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two ways a belief in God influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two ways in which a belief in God as omnipotence influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two ways in which a belief in God as loving influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two ways in which a belief in God as just influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two beliefs about the nature of God. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two teachings about the nature of God. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian teachings about God’s omnipotence. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian teachings about God’s loving nature. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian teachings about God’s justness. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

God is omnipotent. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

God is loving. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

God is just. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

It is impossible to understand the nature of God. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Evil and Suffering**

Give two examples of suffering in the world today. (2)

Give two examples of evil in the world today. (2)

Give two examples of moral evil. (2)

Give to examples of natural evil. (2)

Give two ways Christians may respond to the problem of evil and suffering in the world today. (2)

Explain two ways the problem of evil and suffering may influence Christians today. (4)

Explain two beliefs about evil and suffering. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two teachings about evil and suffering. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

The problem of evil and suffering is the biggest challenge to Christian faith today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

If God was loving, there would be no evil and suffering in the world today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Christian responses to the problem of evil are unsatisfactory. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Evil is needed in the world. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**The Oneness of God and the Trinity**

Give two persons of the trinity. (2)

Explain two ways the trinity influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two Christian teachings about the trinity. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian beliefs about the trinity. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

It does not make sense to believe in the trinity. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

If the trinity exists, God is not one. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Creation**

Give two God created in the Genesis story. (2)

Explain two ways in which a belief in creation influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two Christian beliefs about creation. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian teachings about creation. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

The Bible is all that is needed for Christians to understand creation. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Christians should take Genesis literally. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Life After Death**

Give two different states of life after death in Christianity. (2)

Explain two ways a belief in life after death influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two ways a belief in resurrection influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two ways a belief in judgement influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two ways a belief in heaven influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two ways a belief in hell influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two Christian beliefs about the afterlife. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian teachings about life after death. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian beliefs about resurrection. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian teachings about resurrection. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian beliefs about judgement. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian teachings about judgement. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian beliefs about heaven. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian teachings about heaven. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian beliefs about hell. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian teachings about hell. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

A belief in the afterlife is not important in Christianity. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Life after death is impossible. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**The Incarnation**

Explain two ways a belief in the Incarnation can influence Christians today. (4)

Explain two beliefs about the Incarnation. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian teachings about the Incarnation. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

The Incarnation was the most important event in Jesus’ life. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

It does not make sense to belief in the Incarnation. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Jesus as Son of God**

Explain two ways a belief in Jesus as the Son of God influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two beliefs about Jesus as the Son of God. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two teachings about Jesus as the Son of God. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Jesus is the Son of God. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

It does not make sense to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**The Crucifixion**

Explain two ways Jesus’ crucifixion influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two beliefs about Jesus’ crucifixion. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two teachings about Jesus’ crucifixion. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Jesus was crucified. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**The Resurrection**

Give two reasons why the disciplines believed Jesus was alive after his resurrection. (2)

Give two events which happened after Jesus resurrected.

Explain two ways Jesus’ resurrection influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two beliefs about Jesus’ resurrection. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two teachings about Jesus’ resurrection. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Jesus resurrected. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**The Ascension**

Explain two ways Jesus’ ascension influences Christians today. (4)

Explain two beliefs about Jesus’ ascension. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two teachings about Jesus’ ascension. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Jesus ascended. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Sin and Original Sin**

Give two examples of sin. (2)

Give two ways sin may influence a Christian today. (4)

Give two ways original sin may influence a Christian today. (4)

Explain two beliefs about sin. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about original sin. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two teachings about sin. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two teachings about original sin. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

It does not make sense to believe in the idea of original sin. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Salvation**

Give two means of salvation. (2)

Explain two ways a belief in salvation may influence a Christian today. (4)

Explain two beliefs about the means on salvation. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two Christian teachings about the means of salvation. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Salvation from sin is the most important belief for Christians today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Jesus and Salvation (Atonement)**

Explain two ways a belief in atonement may influence a Christian today. (4)

Explain two beliefs about Jesus’ role in salvation. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two teachings about Jesus’ role in salvation. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about atonement. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two teachings about atonement. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

**Christian Practices – POSSIBLE Examination Style Questions (Oct 2020)**

**Worship**

Give two examples of worship in Christianity. (2)

Give two uses of the Bible in Christian worship. (2)

Give two features of liturgical worship. (2)

Give two features of non-liturgical worship. (2)

Give two features of private worship. (2)

Explain two contrasting ways Christians may worship. (4)

Explain two contrasting ways in which the Bible is used in Christian worship. (4)

Explain two ways Christians worship. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which worship is important for Christians. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which private worship is important for Christians. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Christians do not need liturgical worship. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

The only way Christians should worship is in private. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Christian worship should always have no structure. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Prayer**

Give two examples of prayer. (2)

Explain two contrasting ways in which Christians pray. (4)

Explains two reasons why prayer is important for Christians. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why the Lord’s Prayer is important. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

The best way for Christians to reach an understanding of God is by practising prayer. Evaluate this statement. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

There is no point in praying. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Prayer is the best way to show devotion to God. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Sacraments**

Give two examples of sacraments in Christianity. (2)

Explain two contrasting views regarding the celebration of sacraments in Christianity. (4)

Explain two contrasting ideas about what happens to the bread and wine during the celebration of the Eucharist (Holy Communion). (4)

Explain two contrasting ways the Eucharist (Holy Communion) is celebrated in Christianity. (4)

Explain two reasons why the Eucharist is important in Christianity. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why the Eucharist is celebrated in Christianity. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why the sacraments are important in Christianity. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

The Eucharist is the most importance sacrament in Christianity. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

All Christians should celebrate the sacraments in the same way. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

There is no point in celebrating the sacraments. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

God should be worshipped by helping others, not through Holy Communion. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

All Christians should celebrate the Eucharist. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Holy Communion is the most important act of Christian worship. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Explain two contrasting ways in which Christians are baptised. (4)

Explain two reasons why Christians are baptised. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why the sacrament of baptism is important in Christianity. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why baptism is performed in Christianity. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways Christians can get baptised. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

It is better to be baptised as an infant, than an adult. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

There is no such thing as a Christian child. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Children should decide for themselves if they want to become Christian. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

All Christians should be baptised. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

You are not part of the Church unless you are baptised. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Pilgrimage**

Give two examples of Christian sites of pilgrimage. (2)

Give two reasons why Christians go on pilgrimage. (2)

Explain two contrasting examples of pilgrimage. (4)

Explain two contrasting roles of pilgrimage. (4)

Explain two contrasting reasons why pilgrimage is important for Christians. (4)

Explain two reasons why Christians perform pilgrimage. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why pilgrimage is important for Christians. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Pilgrimage is the best way to show devotion to God. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Pilgrimage is a waste of time. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Pilgrimage is all about making money. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Celebrations (Festivals)**

Give two examples of Christian celebrations. (2)

Give two reasons why Christians celebrate festivals. (2)

Give two contrasting examples of Christian festivals. (4)

Give two contrasting reasons why festivals are important for Christians. (4)

Explain two contrasting ways in which Christmas is celebrated by Christians. (4)

Explain two reasons why Christmas is important for Christians. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which Christians celebrate Christmas. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Christmas is not important in GB today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Christmas is the most important Christian festival. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Christmas is more about presents than remembering the birth of Jesus in GB today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Explain two contrasting ways in which Easter is celebrated by Christians. (4)

Explain two reasons why Easter is important for Christians. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which Christians celebrate Easter. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Easter is not important in GB today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Easter is the most important Christian festival. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Easter is more about Easter eggs than remembering the resurrection of Jesus in GB today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Easter is more important than Christmas. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Christians need festivals, such as Christmas and Easter, to help them remember the life of Jesus. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**The Role of the Church**

Give two examples of the work of the Church in the local community. (2)

Give two examples of the work of Food banks in the local community. (2)

Give two examples of the work of Street Pastors in the local community. (2)

Give two contrasting ways in which the Church may support the local community. (2)

Explain two contrasting ways in the Church may involve itself in the world. (4)

Explain two contrasting ways Food Banks support the local community. (4)

Explain two ways in which Food Banks carry out their Christian duty. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which Christian street pastors carry out their Christian duty. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which the Church gets involved in the local/worldwide community. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Local churches should be more involved in the local community. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

The church should focus more on supporting the local community then providing Christians with a place of worship. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Putting faith in action is more important than praying and worshiping in Church. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Mission and Evangelism**

Give two examples of evangelising activities. (2)

Give two examples of mission activities. (2)

Explain two contrasting ways mission is performed by Christians. (4)

Explain two contrasting ways evangelism is performed by Christians. (4)

Explain two reasons why Christians take part in evangelism. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why Christians take part in mission. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why mission is important in Christianity. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why evangelism is important in Christianity. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which evangelism is carried out in Christianity. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which mission is carried out in Christianity. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

All Christians should practice evangelism. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

All Christians should take part in mission. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Church Growth**

Give two reasons why Christianity is growing. (2)

Give two reasons why Christianity is declining. (2)

Give two ways Christians can help Christianity grow. (2)

Explain two contrasting examples of ways Christians can help Christianity grow. (4)

Explain two reasons why Christianity is growing. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Christianity is still important in GB today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Christian Agencies**

Give two examples of Christian relief organisations. (2)

Explain two contrasting ways in which a Christian relief organisation works to end world poverty. (4)

Explain two ways in which a worldwide Christian relief organisation carries out its mission overseas. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why a worldwide Christian relief organisation carries out its mission overseas. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Christian relief organisations are the best way to end world poverty. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Persecution**

Give two examples of ways Christians are persecuted. (2)

Give two places Christians are persecuted. (2)

Give two examples of how Christians respond to persecution. (2)

Explain two contrasting ways Christians response to persecution. (4)

Explain two ways Christians respond to persecution. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why Christians think helping those being persecuted is important. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Christian churches need to do more to stop persecution. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Helping the persecuted is the best way to show devotion to God. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

**Reconciliation**

Give two examples of how the worldwide Church works for reconciliation. (2)

Explain two contrasting examples of ways in which Christians work for reconciliation. (4)

Explain two reasons why Christians work for reconciliation. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which the worldwide Church works for reconciliation. Refer to Christian teaching in your answer. (5)

Working for reconciliation is the most important job of the worldwide church. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)