











KS1: Hinduism		
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Qu.1 How do some religions demonstrate that everyone is special? (Believing/Belonging)	Find out about the greeting "Namaste" – meaning I respect the presence of God in you – and how that demonstrates respect to all. Explore the ways that Hindus welcome and celebrate the birth of a baby and the Raksha Bandhan ceremony between siblings.	 Exp. A Recognise and give simple accounts of the core beliefs. Link some of the beliefs about God to images of the Murtis
Qu.2 Why are religious celebrations important to some people but not to others? (Believing/Belonging/Behaving)	Explore a range of Hindu festivals e.g. Holi, Diwali, Krishna's birthday etc. Learn some of the stories behind the festivals and find out that people celebrate them in different ways.	 Exp. B Retell a range of religious stories and explain how they link to the core beliefs and practices. Choose scenes from Hindu stories that link to belief in the triumph of good over evil. Match Hindu stories to the festivals
Qu.3 Does everyone believe the same things about God? (Believing)	Find out about Brahman (the one God) and the belief that the various deities are all aspects of Brahman. Explore aspects of some of the main deities – Vishnu, Shiva, Ganesh and Krishna e.g. – and find out what they teach Hindus about God. Find out how the Murtis of these deities are used in worship in the temple and at home.	 that celebrate them. Exp. C Describe some festivals, celebrations and practices and say how they reflect the core beliefs. Illustrate and annotate a Hindu festival, choosing a suitable belief from a range of options
Qu.4 Why do symbols and stories play important roles in religions? (Believing/Belonging/Behaving)	Hear stories about the deities and those behind the festivals e.g. the story of Rama and Sita, Krishna the Butter Thief and Ganesh. Explore the way that most Hindu stories are about the triumph of good over evil.	 Describe a festival explaining why it is important to many Hindus. Label a puja tray, showing how the items link to beliefs about God.













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Qu.5 Why do some people follow religious leaders and teachings? (Believing/Behaving)	Explore a range of symbols used by Hindus to express beliefs – salt water, incense, pomegranate, lotus flower, and the Aum (Om) symbol. Look at some of the symbols common to many of the Murtis (e.g. multiple arms) and what they teach about Hindu beliefs. Find out about how teachers in the Mandir help Hindus to understand their religion. Find out how and why some Hindus follow particular teachers such as Krishna. Find out about the values that Hindu stories teach and how these values are lived out e.g. being vegetarian, caring for the poor.	 Exp. D Recognise the roles of religious leaders and sacred texts. Talk about how a Hindu story makes them feel, identifying the main characters. Identify the important characters in Hindu stories and link them to aspects of Hindu life. Talks about the role of the Mandir in the lives of Hindus.
Qu.6 How do some people's religious beliefs encourage them to care for the world? (Believing/Behaving)	Find out about how Hindus believe the world was made and how the Trimurti (Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva) maintain the balance of nature. Find out about how Hindus care for the environment, animals and each other. Make links between Hindu care for the world and being vegetarian. Look at how animals are cared for and fed at some of the temples in India.	













KS2: Hinduism		
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Qu.1 To what extent does participating in worship and/or prayer generate a sense of belonging? (Believing/Belonging)	Learn about Puja at home and in the mandir, identifying the different elements – arti (the welcome), prashad (sacred food), bells, lights, water, milk and the tilak etc. Find out about Hindu pilgrimage and the reasons why a Hindu may make a pilgrimage. Explore the significance of the various shrines and centres of pilgrimage. Find out about Hindu meditation and interact with Hindu prayers. Learn the meaning of Hindu terms such as Dharma and Moksha and how these link Hindus to their community Learn about Hindu festivals and how they contribute to a sense of community.	 Exp. A Explain the significance of religious leaders and sacred texts. Describe the contribution of spiritual leaders such as Gandhi to Hindu religious practice. Annotate a religious story to show how it contributes to a Hindu understanding of God, life and death. Make clear links between texts and core beliefs.
Qu.2 Do Rites of Passage always help a believer to feel connected to God and/or community? (Believing/Belonging/Behaving)	Find out about samskars (Hindu rites of passage ceremonies) such as those surrounding birth, the sacred thread, marriage, Raksha Bandhan and funerals. Explore the beliefs that underpin these rites and establish their significance. Explore the impact that theses ceremonies have on young people and other believers.	 Exp. B Describe a range of ways that believers express their core beliefs and make the links between belief and expression. Describe some of the ways that dance can retell stories and express the core beliefs. Compare a range of household shrines,
Qu.3 How can music and the arts help express and communicate religious beliefs? (Believing/Belonging)	Find out about how Murtis of Hindu deities help Hindu to understand God and how they are the focus of worship in the Mandir. Explore the way that many Hindu stories are retold in music and dance and what this contributes to an understanding of the tales. Explore the decorations often found in temples and Mandirs and how these have changed over time.	suggesting reasons why there are differences and similarities. Exp. C Identify how core beliefs can guide lifestyle choices. • Write a guide to the four purposes and five daily duties, suggesting ways that
Qu.4 To what extent do religious	Find out about the 4 Purposes of life: Dharma: religiosity,	they guide Hindus.













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teaching or law (which include the 5 duties); Artha: economic development or prosperity, Kama: sense, pleasure and enjoyment; Moksha: enlightenment or liberation for the soul at the end of the cycle of life. Explore the 5 daily duties (pancha maha yagnas) and the values that these are intended to instil in Hindus.

Find out about Hindu charities and the work that they do, focusing on the local if at all possible.

Find out also about the caste system in India and how this impacts people.

Find out about Ahimsa – the commitment to living without violence.

Qu.5 How do religious leaders and sacred texts contribute to believers' understanding of their faith? (Believing)

Explore the lessons learned from the examples of Hindu deities, teachers and leaders such as Gandhi, Krishna, Ganesh, Durga, etc. and how they help Hindus to understand their religion.

Find out about the stories that Hindus focus on in meditation and how they contribute to an understanding of their faith. Explore the various Hindu scriptures – the Vedas, Ramayana, Bhagavad Gita, Puranas and learn about the difference between texts considered Shruti (that which is heard) and those classified as Smriti (that which is remembered).

Qu.6 How well does faith help people cope with matters of life and death?

(Believing/Behaving)

Qu.7 What difference might it make to believe in God as Creator?

Find out about Hindu funerals and how they express the belief in samsara (the cycle of birth, life and death) and reincarnation.

Explore karma (the law of consequences) and moksha (liberation or release from rebirth - sometimes called Nirvana) and assess the impact on funeral practice and beliefs in life and death.

Find out about the various Hindu creation stories and what

Exp. D Recognise how religious identity can be shaped by family, community and practice.

- Annotate pictures of various Hindu rites of passage, suggesting ways that they influence a Hindu's sense of identity.
- Describe the Hindu festival which best promotes a sense of identity, justifying their answer.

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Exp. A Describe and explain what motivates and inspires believers and how this can be reflected in actions/practice.

- Produce a guide showing how Hindu beliefs inspire people to charitable works or care for the environment.
- Annotate a Hindu text or story showing how it might motivate good behaviour.

Exp. B Explain and demonstrate how and why believers show courage and commitment.

• Using examples from history or Hindu texts, compare two characters that show courage in the face of danger.

Exp. C Explain how beliefs, practices and community can support or determine responses to matters of life and death

• Evaluate the links between Hindu belief in reincarnation and funeral practices.













(Believing/Behaving) Hindus learn about from them.	Exp. D Give examples of how core beliefs can be
Investigate the belief that many Hindus have that God is in everything and can be worshipped in many different forms. Explore the Trimurti – Brahma (the creator), Vishnu (the sustainer) and Shive (the destroyer). Draw links between Hindu beliefs about creation and charitable works. Qu.8 How might beliefs and community shape a person's identity? (Believing/Belonging) Explore further the 4 purposes of life and the five daily dutie (see Q4) establishing how they contribute to a Hindu's sense of identity. Find out about how festivals, celebrated differently in different parts of India, establish a cultural as well as a religious identity. Investigate worship, food and fasting in the home and how these shape a child's sense of identity.	 interpreted in different ways leading to diverse expression and behaviour. Give an account of the range of ways that festivals are celebrated in different parts of the Hindu world and sometimes at different times of the year. Explain the beliefs that encourage Hindus to put diverse deities on their shrines.













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Qu.2 Why are religious celebrations important to some people but not to others? (Believing/Belonging/Behaving)	Find out about a range of Muslim festivals, especially Eid-al- Fitr and Eid -al-Adha and how Muslims celebrate them. There are other festivals, but these are the two most significant. Explore Ramadan and the month of fasting, finding out that	do not draw pictures of Allah or Muhammad.
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Qu.3 Does everyone believe the same things about God? (Believing)	Find out about the 99 names of Allah, ensuring the pupils understand that there is one God, Allah, and he has no partners. Find out that the word Islam means "submission" and that worshipping and obeying Allah are central to Islam.	 Choose from a range the story that they think is most important to a Muslim and suggest a reason. Exp. C Describe some festivals, celebrations
Qu.4 Why do symbols and stories play	Explore the Shahadah (the statement of belief that is the first of the 5 pillars of Islam). Find out what this means to Muslims. Muslims believe that the Qur'an contains the words of God and therefore cannot be changed. This is why many of them learn Arabic.	 and practices and say how they reflect the core beliefs. Talk about the festival that they think is most important to Muslims, giving simple reasons. Suggest reasons why Friday prayers













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Find out how the Qur'an is revered and the practice of Wudu before touching it.

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Find out about the role and value of the imam in the Muslim community.

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- Talk about what happens in a Mosque and what that shows about Muslim beliefs.
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- Interview an imam, asking appropriate questions.
- Talk about how Muslims look after the Qur'an.
- Identify some of the key events of Muhammad's life and talk about why he is important to Muslims.













KS2: Islam		
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	and worship.	Exp. B Describe a range of ways that believers express their core beliefs and make the links
Qu.2 Do Rites of Passage always help a believer to feel connected to God and/or community? (Believing/Belonging/Behaving)	Find out about birth and marriage ceremonies in Muslim traditions. Investigate whether the simplicity of these events makes them more or less meaningful. Explore the reasons why the adhan is whispered in the ear of a baby. Find out whether all Muslims shave the head of a baby when it is seven days old.	 Show how Muslims live out the 5 pillars and the differences that they make to their lives. Describe different dress codes and how they express different beliefs
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Qu.2 Why are religious celebrations important to some people but not to others? (Believing/Belonging/Behaving)	Find out about the Jewish Shabbat and whether all Jewish people celebrate Shabbat in the same way. Find out about other festivals – Purim, Chanukah, and Pesach (Passover), Sukkot, Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah (New Year)	 Exp. B Retell a range of religious stories and explain how they link to the core beliefs and practices. Sequence some stories from the Torah or other Jewish writings and choose a suitable caption for the story.
Qu.3 Does everyone believe the same things about God? (Believing)	Belief that human beings are made in the image of G-d. Midrashic story about Abraham discovering G-d one night in a cave.	 Match stories from the Torah to the festival or practice or belief that is most closely related.
(0)	Belief that there is one invisible, creator G-d who cares for the world. Explore what the 10 Commandments teach Jewish people about G-d and their relationship with him	Exp. C Describe some festivals, celebrations and practices and say how they reflect the core beliefs. • Illustrate and annotate a Jewish festival, choosing a suitable belief from a range of options
Qu.4 Why do symbols and stories play	Read a range of stories from the Torah or Tenakh (equivalent to first five books of the Christian OT) and find out what	Re-enact a Shabbat meal, explaining













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important roles in religions?	Jewish people learn from these stories.	the meanings of the different
(Believing/Belonging/Behaving)	Find out about the stories behind the festivals.	elements.
	Explore the symbols that link to Shabbat (bread, wine,	Write a guide to Shabbat explaining
	candles, food.	why it is important to many Jewish
	How the Torah is used in worship	people.
	Look at the symbolic features in the synagogue (e.g. the Ner	E - B B in the release for the re-
	Tamid (eternal light); the ark, the bimah, the 10	Exp. D Recognise the roles of religious
	commandments)	leaders and sacred texts.
	Torah Scrolls, the sacred writings for Jews, the word of G-d	Interview a rabbi, asking appropriate
Qu.5 Why do some people follow	containing rules and stories to help people live the way G-d	questions.
religious leaders and teachings?	wants them to. The 613 commandments in the Torah.	 Describe some practices of Jewish life that are taken from stories of Moses
(Believing/Behaving)	Rabbinic writings (Mishnah and Talmud) – texts that interpret	or Abraham
(2 0.00 1.00)	the Torah for Jews.	Talk about how a story makes them
	The work of the rabbi in the synagogue and as a teacher; the	feel, identifying the main characters.
	role of the family	l con the control of
	Stories about leaders and teachers who have influenced	
	Jewish life. Stories of Abraham, Moses, Jacob and Joseph etc.	
	Humans are responsible for caring for the world – Genesis 1 –	
Qu.6 How do some people's religious	2; rules about cutting down fruit trees;	
beliefs encourage them to care for the	Care for one another e.g. Leviticus 19:18	
world?	Tikkun Olam (Care for the world) as shown in Shabbat, Sukkot,	
(Believing/Behaving)	Shavuot and Tu B'Shvat; References to creation in the Psalms.	













KS2: Judaism		
Syllabus Questions	Suggested Content	Exemplar Expectations
Qu.1 To what extent does participating in worship and/or prayer generate a sense of belonging? (Believing/Belonging)	Find out about worship in a Jewish synagogue and in a Jewish home e.g. Shabbat and festival observance, particularly Pesach (Passover). Explore whether the use of Hebrew in services supports community. Explore some of the key Jewish prayers e.g. Shema and what it teaches about being a member of the Jewish community. Explore the use of the mezuzah. Find out about the Western (wailing) wall and other places of spiritual significance to Jewish people. Find out about a range of festivals (Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Yom Kippur, Purim, Simchat Torah etc.) and evaluate their impact on maintaining community life.	 Exp. A Explain the significance of religious leaders and sacred texts. Identify the most important characters in the Torah and link them to key teachings. Describe the role of a rabbi in interpreting sacred texts. Describe the ways that the Torah is cared for and how it is used in worship.
Qu.2 Do Rites of Passage always help a believer to feel connected to God and/or community? (Believing/Belonging/Behaving)	Find out about Bar/Bat Mitzvah and the impact of the ceremony on a young person. Explore other ceremonies such as baby naming, marriages and funerals and the impact that they have on individuals and communities. Identify passages of scripture that are the inspiration for these ceremonies.	 Exp. B Describe a range of ways that believers express their core beliefs and make the links between belief and expression. Show how symbols on artefacts express core beliefs. Describe different dress codes and how they express different beliefs about the relationship of people to G-d.
Qu.3 How can music and the arts help express and communicate religious beliefs? (Believing/Belonging)	Explore the use of music in Jewish worship — e.g. the role of the Cantor in reading the scriptures and other types of music. Find out about diverse musical traditions such as Klezmer and Israeli dancing. Look at the symbols on religious artefacts and find out about the origins of some of these, particularly the decorations on the Torah scroll covers (Crown, bells and pomegranates, lion, eagle, breastplate).	 Recognise some of the differences between Orthodox and Reform synagogues, Exp. C Identify how core beliefs can guide lifestyle choices.













Qu.4 To what extent do religious beliefs influence and encourage 'good' behaviour? (Believing/Behaving)

Qu.5 How do religious leaders and sacred texts contribute to believers' understanding of their faith? (Believing)

Qu.6 How well does faith help people cope with matters of life and death?

(Believing/Behaving)

Qu.7 What difference might it make

Find out about microcalligraphy and the writing of the Torah. Find out about other symbolic artefacts and how and why they are used.

Explore the 10 commandments and the 613 Mitzvah or commandments in the Torah.

Find out about Jewish Charities and the requirement to donate – Tzedek. Find local Jewish charities if possible. Explore the lives of characters in Jewish writings – Joseph, Esther, Joshua, Ruth etc. and find out how their lives influence people today.

Find out about the Golden Rule as expressed by Rabbi Hillel, in the story of the man who wanted to be taught the whole Torah, while standing on one leg.

Find out about food laws (Kosher) and decide whether they promote good behaviour.

Explore how the Torah, the Tanach, Talmud and other rabbinic writings are debated by Jewish believers and help them to understand Jewish teachings. (Halachah) Find out about the role of the rabbi in teaching in the synagogue. Belief that G-d gave authority to learned people to interpret the laws of the Torah and the tradition of debate. Explore the lives of characters in the Torah and how they help people to understand their faith.

Explore Jewish beliefs about life and death and how these are expressed through funeral rites. Find out about the belief in life after death and how this is expressed in Jewish writings. Find out about the rules concerning contact with dead bodies.

Find out about Jewish views on protecting the environment. Explore Jewish interpretations of the creation story in Genesis

- Illustrate some of the ways that Jewish people choose to live because of their beliefs
- Give reasons for a Jewish person choosing to keep a Kosher kitchen/diet.
- Use quotations from the Torah to explain choices that some Jewish people make.

Exp. D Recognise how religious identity can be shaped by family, community and practice.

- Give reasons why a boy or a girl may choose to have a Bar or bat Mitzvah.
- Show how Shabbat impacts on a young person's life and identity

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Exp. A Describe and explain what motivates and inspires believers and how this can be reflected in actions/practice.

- Produce a guide to Jewish Charities, linking them to commandments from the Torah.
- Annotate a text from the Torah, in a midrash style, showing how it might motivate a Jewish person to behave.

Exp. B Explain and demonstrate how and why believers show courage and commitment.

• Identify characters in the Torah or during the Holocaust who showed courage and commitment, evaluating the impact of these stories on Jews today.













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to believe in God as Creator?	1 and 2.	
(Believing/Behaving)	Establish links between the Creation story and the practice of Shabbat. Explore the teachings about G-d as creator found in the Psalms and what the impact of this teaching may be. Find out how beliefs about human life being created by G-d impact on the work of Jewish scientists. Find out about "secular Jews" who follow Jewish practice but do not have a faith or belief in God.	 Exp. C Explain how beliefs, practices and community can support or determine responses to matters of life and death Design an epitaph suitable for a Jew, linking it clearly to Jewish beliefs. Evaluate the links between Jewish teaching and funeral practices.
Qu.8 How might beliefs and community shape a person's identity? (Believing/Belonging)	Find out about the impact that Jewish dress codes might have on a young person's sense of identity and sense of belonging to the community. Explore the restrictions placed on believers by Kosher food laws and the other commandments and the impact they have on a sense of identity. Discuss the views taken on the state of Israel and how the concepts of "promised land" and the "covenant" influence Jewish people. Discuss how the persecution of Jews through the ages has contributed to a sense of identity.	 Exp. D Give examples of how core beliefs can be interpreted in different ways leading to diverse expression and behaviour. Compare and contrast two different synagogues, linking differences to Jewish teaching and beliefs. Interview orthodox and liberal/reform Jews, producing a report on their conclusions.













KS1: Sikhism		
Syllabus Questions	Suggested Content	Exemplar Expectations
Qu.1 How do some religions demonstrate that everyone is special? (Believing/Belonging)	Explore the Sikh naming ceremony – how the Guru Granth Sahib is used to help choose a child's name. Find out about the Sikh belief in equality and how that is put into practice in the Langar (communal kitchen). Read some stories about how the Gurus treated people – e.g. Guru Nanak and Malik Bhago and Lalo or the Milk and the Jasmine flower.	 Exp. A Recognise and give simple accounts of the core beliefs. Choose from a range of pictures those that represent Sikh beliefs about God Suggest some simple reasons about why Langar is important to Sikhs.
Qu.2 Why are religious celebrations important to some people but not to others? (Believing/Belonging/Behaving)	Find out about Sikh festivals – particularly Diwali, looking for similarities and differences between Hindu and Sikh Diwali. Find out whether all Sikh celebrate in the same way.	 Exp. B Retell a range of religious stories and explain how they link to the core beliefs and practices. Sequence some of the stories learned
Qu.3 Does everyone believe the same things about God? (Believing)	Explore the Mool Mantar and compare what Sikhs believe about God to what others believe. Explore different names and symbols that Sikhs use for God. (Waheguru – wonderful Lord; Ik Onkar – One God)	 identifying the most important parts for Sikh beliefs. Match pictures of some of the festivals to the stories that inspire them
Qu.4 Why do symbols and stories play important roles in religions? (Believing/Belonging/Behaving)	Read a range of stories, particularly about the lives of the Gurus and find out what Sikhs learn from these stories. Explore the role and meaning of the 5Ks for many Sikhs and find out why they are important.	 Exp. C Describe some festivals, celebrations and practices and say how they reflect the core beliefs. Choose from a list, items connected to a particular festival. Talk about a festival of their choice and suggest what it means to a Sikh













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Qu.5 Why do some people follow religious leaders and teachings? (Believing/Behaving)	Find out about the lives of the Gurus and the role that they play for Sikhs today. Guru Nanak and Guru Gobind Singh are probably the most important at this stage.	Link simple symbols of core beliefs to elements of Sikh worship
	Explore some of the principles of Sikh family life and how that is influenced by Sikh teaching Find out about the Guru Granth Sahib and how the living Guru is cared for.	 Exp. D Recognise the roles of religious leaders and sacred texts. Identify at least two of the Sikh Gurus and link them to a story or event that is important to Sikhs
Qu.6 How do some people's religious beliefs encourage them to care for the world? (Believing/Behaving)	Learn about Guru Har Rai who cared for animals. Find out about the Sikh creation story and Sikh beliefs about the environment. Find out why most Sikhs are vegetarian and how this links to Sikh beliefs about the cycle of birth, life and re-birth.	 today. Talk about how the Guru Granth Sahib is cared for in a Sikh Gurdwara Annotate a picture of Sikh worship, identifying the Granthi and the Guru Granth Sahib.













KS2: Sikhism		
Syllabus Questions	Suggested Content	Exemplar Expectations
Qu.1 To what extent does participating in worship and/or prayer generate a sense of belonging? (Believing/Belonging)	Explore how Sikhs worship together in the Gurdwara, particularly the festivals such as Baisakhi that bring the community together. Explore ways in which Sewa and Langar are part of worship. Compare the role of worship in generating a sense of belonging to that created by wearing the 5Ks. Learn about Sikh symbols of identity e.g. the 5 Ks and the names Kaur and Singh. Learn about Nam Simran (meditation on God) and the role that it plays in Sikh worship. Find out about the role and significance of the Golden Temple in Amritsar and pilgrimages there.	 Exp. A Explain the significance of religious leaders and sacred texts. Annotate the Mool Mantar to show key Sikh beliefs. Link prayers and hymns from the Guru Granth Sahib to key Sikh beliefs. Identify the most important parts of the lives of the Gurus. Describe the ways that the Guru Granth Sahib Ji is cared for and explain why it is significant.
Qu.2 Do Rites of Passage always help a believer to feel connected to God and/or community? (Believing/Belonging/Behaving)	Explore birth and marriage ceremonies, looking at the role played by the Guru Granth Sahib and the Sikh community. Learn about the Amrit ceremony and discuss the commitment that a Sikh makes to the Khalsa. Find out about Sikh funeral practices.	 Exp. B Describe a range of ways that believers express their core beliefs and make the links between belief and expression. Show how some Sikh practices can be linked to a range of Sikh stories
Qu.3 How can music and the arts help express and communicate religious beliefs? (Believing/Belonging)	Find out about the features of the Gurdwara and how the artwork communicates religious beliefs. Listen to musical settings of the Mool Mantar and find out how music is integral to worship. Discuss the ways that artistic interpretations of the Gurus communicate Sikh beliefs. N.B While role play can be used to retell Sikh stories, the parts of the Gurus should not be re-enacted.	 Demonstrate the ways in which the 5Ks express core beliefs for some Sikhs. Show how the arrangements in the Gurdwara express Sikh beliefs. Exp. C Identify how core beliefs can guide
Qu.4 To what extent do religious	Read about the lives of the Gurus and discuss how these	lifestyle choices.













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beliefs influence and encourage 'good' behaviour? (Believing/Behaving)	stories encourage Sikhs to behave. Find out about the key Sikh values of Sewa (service), Kirat Karna (earning an honest living), Vand Chhakna (helping others) and the promises made by Khalsa Sikhs. Find out about Sikh Charity organisations and the way that they operate. Explore the Sikh belief in equality and the impact on Sikh community. Find out about the 5Ks and how they contribute to Sikh behaviour.	 Illustrate the ways that Sikh beliefs in equality affect their lifestyles. Describe the career choices of some Sikhs, linking them to core values and beliefs. Give reasons for a Sikh choosing to join the Khalsa or going on pilgrimage. Exp. D Recognise how religious identity can be shaped by family, community and practice. Describe the reasons a young Sikh may give for taking Amrit and joining the Khalsa.
Qu.5 How do religious leaders and sacred texts contribute to believers' understanding of their faith? (Believing)	Read about the lives of the Gurus and discuss how these stories contribute to key Sikh Beliefs. Explore the Mool Mantar and its key teachings about God. Find out about the Guru Granth Sahib; what is in it; how it is used in worship and other ceremonies; how it is revered and cared for. Explore the lives of modern Sikhs, particularly the roles of teachers in the Gurdwara.	 Show how participating in festivals such as Baisakhi and Diwali create a sense of identity for a Sikh. UKS2 (Y5/6) Exp. A Describe and explain what motivates and inspires believers and how this can be reflected in actions/practice.
Qu.6 How well does faith help people cope with matters of life and death? (Believing/Behaving)	Find out about Sikh funeral practices Learn about Sikh beliefs about human life and reincarnation Explore the Sikh belief in Samsara – the cycle of birth, life and, death and rebirth – leading to ultimate union with God. Find out about Sikh views on life and death.	 Write a reasoned report on why many Sikhs get involved in charity work. Take a Sikh text or story and explain how this text inspires Sikhs to behave. Exp. B Explain and demonstrate how and why believers show courage and commitment. Chose Sikh stories that show people
Qu.7 What difference might it make to believe in God as Creator?	Find out about Sikh beliefs about Creation.	demonstrating courage and commitment, evaluating the impact of these stories on Sikhs today.













these choices.

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(Believing/Behaving)	Find out about Sikh views on ecology and how the belief in God as creator influences these views. Find out whether Sikh beliefs influence their responses to other world problems – Khalsa aid, prisoner welfare etc.	 Analyse the life of one of the Sikh Gurus, demonstrating how far he showed courage and commitment.
Qu.8 How might beliefs and community shape a person's identity? (Believing/Belonging)	Explore the significance of the Amrit ceremony in establishing a Sikh person's identity. Find out about the lives of Sikhs in the local community, if possible, and explore the links between belief and practice. Find out about growing up as a Sikh in the local community. Discuss whether the 5Ks give a Sikh a sense of identity or provide a restriction.	 linking it clearly to Sikh beliefs. Evaluate the links between Sikh teaching and Sikh funeral practices. Exp. D Give examples of how core beliefs can be interpreted in different ways leading to diverse expression and behaviour. Compare and contrast two different Gurdwaras, linking differences to Sikh teaching. Listen to a range of versions of musical settings for the Mool Mantar, analysing the different interpretations. Compare the choices of a Sikh who chooses to take Amrit and one who does
		 Compare the choices of a Sikh who













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	KS1: Christianity	
Syllabus Questions	Suggested Content	Exemplar Expectations
Qu.1 How do some religions demonstrate that everyone is special? (Believing/Belonging)	The Lost Sheep, Coin & Son (Luke 15: 1-32) Matthew 10:29-31 – message about sparrows Shared customs – e.g. baptism	Exp. A Recognise and give simple accounts of the core beliefs. Creation – that God made the world including human Incarnation – Jesus as God in human form Salvation – forgiveness of sins through Christ Belief in one God, eternal and immortal Possible activities:
Qu.2 Why are religious celebrations important to some people but not to others? (Believing/Belonging/Behaving)	Baptism of Christ Christmas, Easter, Harvest Going to church – particularly communion, Eucharist, Sunday as a special day,	Draw a picture to illustrate one of the key beliefs; Choose from a range a picture that shows a key belief Choose a symbol or draw a symbol that represents a Christian understanding of God Exp. B Retell a range of religious stories and
	Music and art	explain how they link to the core beliefs and practices. Creation Christmas Easter Parables – lost sheep, lost coin, lost son, Good Samaritan
Qu.3 Does everyone believe the same things about God? (Believing)	Noah, Baptism of Jesus, Jesus as Son of God Lord's prayer, Features of the church, Stories about God Different denomination, different churches	Possible activities: Produce a simple story map that illustrates one of the core beliefs of Christianity Identify the most important part of a story and talk about why Identify some elements of a festival and talk about why they are important to some Christians
Qu.4 Why do symbols and stories play important		Exp. C Describe some festivals, celebrations and practices and say how they reflect the core













worship, prayer, song etc.

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roles in religions? (Believing/Belonging/Behaving) Qu.5 Why do some people follow religious leaders and teachings?	Old Testament; New Testament Mary Jones Bible Symbolic features of a church, Stained glass windows, Cross, crucifix, hot cross bun, Easter eggs, dove water, fish, crib, lights Clerical dress, seasonal colours, Salvation Army uniform	beliefs. Christmas, Easter, Harvest Baptism Sunday Services and communion Possible activities Identify – perhaps by circling item in a picture – the elements of a festival that show what some Christians believe. Make a list of differences between the ways that different people celebrate and suggest reasons why Annotate a baptism, showing which are the important features that reflect Christian belief.
(Believing/Behaving)	Stories about God and Jesus; Life of Jesus Stories told by Jesus (parables) e.g. Good Samaritan Work of local ministers, historically and now Examples of Christians of influence, locally, nationally and globally Life of Jesus	Exp. D Recognise the roles of religious leaders and sacred texts. Bible – OT, NT (one before and after Jesus) Jesus, Vicar and other local clergy People known in local community e.g. local chaplains for fire service, police, hospital, Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop of York, Queen
Qu.6 How do some people's religious beliefs encourage them to care for the world? (Believing/Behaving)	Creation – Genesis 1:1- 2:22 Stewardship – Christians are stewards, Psalm 8	Possible activities: Talk about what a leader does Recognise some of the things that leaders do – choosing from a list, or sorting from a range Talk about how Christians use the bible in

Hymns and songs













KS2: Christianity						
Syllabus Questions	Suggested Content	Exemplar Expectations				
Qu.1 To what extent does participating in worship and/or prayer generate a sense of belonging? (Believing/Belonging)	Teachings of the early Christians in the New Testament epistles which set out guidance for a Christian life e.g. 1 Corinthians chapter 13 Use of the Bible in corporate and private worship The Bible is used as a source of inspiration and guidance for worship and ways of living Sermons and their significance The importance of worship for Christians and ways in which Christians participate in worship Pilgrimage	 LKS2 (Y3/4) Exp. A Explain the significance of religious leaders and sacred texts. Link biblical passages to specific areas of Christian practice: e.g. Genesis to the concept of stewardship or nativity texts to the concept of Incarnation Assess the role of Mary in the Christmas narrative or the role of the disciples or the gospel writers 				
Qu.2 Do Rites of Passage always help a believer to feel connected to God and/or community? (Believing/Belonging/Behaving)	The importance for many Christians to mark rites of passage in Christian ceremonies e.g. infant baptism and dedication ceremonies, confirmation, believers' baptism, marriage Christian funerals and how they illustrate beliefs about life after death Denominational and personal differences in celebration of rites of passage	 Exp. B Describe a range of ways that believers express their core beliefs and make the links between belief and expression. Give examples of how different Christians worship in church, home and at different times. Compare and contrast denomination approaches to rites of passage – e.g. infant vs adult/believer's baptism 				
Qu.3 How can music and the arts help express and communicate religious beliefs? (Believing/Belonging)	The Bible is used as a source of inspiration and guidance for worship and ways of living Examples of Christian beliefs expressed in e.g. art, architecture, drama, literature, music and the use of the Bible as the basis for songs, films Work of Hannah and Ben Dunnett e.g. The use, significance and meaning of symbols used to express Christian beliefs e.g. Cross, crucifix, light, fish, rainbow, dove, water, bread and wine, colours, dress, symbolic features of churches Art to express the notion of Trinity Global and denominational art.	 Exp. C Identify how core beliefs can guide lifestyle choices. Make links between 10 commandments or , sermon on the mount and lifestyle choices such as clothing, giving financially, going on pilgrimage Make a link between core beliefs and engagement in charity work or volunteering Exp. D Recognise how religious identity can be				













Qu.4 To what extent do religious
beliefs influence and encourage
'good' behaviour?
(Believing/Behaving)

Teachings of the early Christians in the New Testament epistles which set out guidance for a Christian life e.g. 1 Corinthians chapter 13

The Bible used as a source of inspiration and guidance for worship and ways of living;

sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-7),

10 commandments (Exodus 20) and the Golden rule (Luke 10:27) the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)

The work of charities, missions and caring organisations e.g. Tearfund, Christian Aid etc.

Teaching about forgiveness – e.g. The Prodigal son (Luke 15), the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4) Foodbanks and work among the homeless

Qu.5 How do religious leaders and sacred texts contribute to believers' understanding of their faith? (Believing)

Trinity – especially the Baptism of Jesus Christian responses to the life, teachings (including those about all people being equal in the sight of God, forgiveness and caring for others), miracles, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

The Bible as a library of books of different genres divided into Old and New Testaments

Literal and metaphorical interpretations of the Bible Different ways of reading the Bible; different translations of the Bible

The writings/experiences of Christians through the ages Exploration of the influences of some key people, local and more widely known and including historical people and saints.

The role of inspiration in the creation of the Bible The role of key characters in the Bible e.g. Moses, Abraham, Mary, the disciples, the apostle Paul etc.

shaped by family, community and practice.

- Compare denominational approaches to rites of passage
- Demonstrate how individual practice may vary between and within denominations

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Exp. A Describe and explain what motivates and inspires believers and how this can be reflected in actions/practice.

- Make clear links between key texts (Sermon on the mount or 10 commandments) and the actions of Christian individuals and organisations
- Use key texts to demonstrate Christian belief in the role of inspiration, prayer and the Holy Spirit
- Describe and explain some of the actions of the early church in the Book of Acts

Exp. B Explain and demonstrate how and why believers show courage and commitment.

- Give specific examples of Christians who have shown courage and the reasons for their actions
- Hold a balloon debate to compare the courage and commitment of different Christians, charities etc

Exp. C Explain how beliefs, practices and community can support or determine responses to matters of life and death

- Describe the beliefs that underpin responses to the big questions of life, such as life after death and the impact this may have on funeral and mourning rites
- Demonstrate how prayer may play a part in













Qu.6 How well does faith help people
cope with matters of life and death?
(Believing/Behaving)

Christian interpretations of the resurrection of Jesus as evidence of life after death, resurrection of the body, heaven and the Kingdom of God

Christian responses to the life, teachings miracles, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus,

Trinity – especially the role of the Holy Spirit as comforter Jesus as saviour and the concept of salvation

Qu.7 What difference might it make to believe in God as Creator? (Believing/Behaving)

Christians responses to ideas about Creation e.g. Genesis, Psalm 8 and 148

Involvement in ecological movements, charities such as Christians Aid, Oxfam, Tearfund

Equality of all people, work of anti-slavery protestors, and other social justice organisations

The actions of local church groups on environmental and social justice issues.

Qu.8 How might beliefs and community shape a person's identity? (Believing/Belonging)

Christian responses to life, teaching, miracles crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus

Jesus as saviour and the concept of salvation, being forgiven and redeemed

The Holy Spirit as a guide and comforter

Christians festivals (especially the Eucharist), rites of passage and prayer – personal and corporate

Interviews with individual Christians about how they choose to live.

Denominational life rules – e.g. clothing for Amish, Plymouth Brethren, no alcohol for Baptist/Methodists etc.

The place of convents, abbeys and place of nuns, monks and other communities.

the Christian reaction to major life events e.g. in celebrations, festivals and mourning.

Exp. D Give examples of how core beliefs can be interpreted in different ways leading to diverse expression and behaviour.

- Identify some of the key denominational differences demonstrated in worship and rites of passage, with biblical references
- Explain how different translations and interpretations of texts make a difference to believers















Key Question: What is the Trinity a			Suggested Content - New	Exemplar Expectations	
Christianity	Hinduism	Islam	Activities - suggestions Creation	A - Identify the nature of spiritual experience and its influence on believers'	
Judaism	Sikhism	Buddhism	 Seven-day creation storyboard – progression, 	lives, sense of purpose and religious practice	
Worldview (sp	ecify)	1	explaining the importance of each day – add an 8 th box	, , , ,	
Material from 2012 Syllabus • Beliefs about God articulated in Christian			 – what would you put in it? What's missing from the story? What is the story saying about God? What should Christians do as a result of this? Stewardship activities 	C - Explain and evaluate how beliefs about God determine responses to personal, social and global issues	
creeds i.e. God the Father, God the Son incarnate, wholly divine and wholly man revealed in the birth, life and death of Jesus; God the Holy Spirit, comforter and guide		od the Son wholly man d death of	 Genesis Venn diagram Mind map – Trinity - ideas about God – Jesus – Holy Spirit - how all link together as well as work separately– Unpack the Father – ideal Father The Fall 	D - Evaluate the 'sacredness' of texts and the impact of divergent interpretations	
 Christian beliefs about Grace, forgiveness, salvation, redemption, resurrection of the dead, everlasting life Christian beliefs about Stewardship 			Salvation – Parable of the sheep and the goats – Relevance of fall today – difference between human and natural evil – examples of evil Prophecy	Key Questions Q2 - How far does a person's understanding of God influence their sense of purpose?	
 Beliefs about the authority of the Christian Bible 			 purpose of the old testament- Difference between sin and crime (Learn for Life visitors) 	Qu.3 How might beliefs shape concepts of truth, right and wrong?	
			Ways of expressing the Trinity in worship e.g. hymns and prayer	Qu7 Why might it matter that sacred texts are often open to interpretation?	
			Resource ideas True tube clips Use of Art – Holman Hunt – Hannah Dunnett Role Play – if you were God what would you do?	Qu.8 How might belief affect people's responses towards social and global issues?	

Spirit – Gifts of the spirit – the great commission

Baptism – Pentecost – John 1