

## Prophethood

### **Holy books**

Torah (Tawrat) revealed to Moses

Psalms (Zabur) revealed to David

Scrolls of Abraham revealed to Ibrahim

The Gospel (injin) revealed to Jesus

Qur'an revealed to Muhammad

### Angels

- Made from light
- Gods first creation
- No free will
- Sinless
- Messengers
- Sexless

Main 2 angels

**Jibril**- trusted messenger of God, Jibril revealed the Qur'an to Muhammad.

**Mika'il**- is known as the angel of mercy. Will reward the righteous for doing good.

Muslims believe that Jibril and Mika'il have brought nourishment to human beings. Jibril brings spiritual nourishment to humans through Gods words in the Qur'an. Mika'il brings nourishment for the earth and humans through the rain.

### Prophets

**Adam** first prophet and first human created.

**Ibrahim** role model due to obedience to God.

**Muhammad** seal of the prophets.

# Islam beliefs



### Life after death (Aakhirah)

For Muslims death is not the end, it is the beginning of a new stage of life called Akirah.

Many Muslims in the grave you still have a conscious existence and it is here you enter a waiting state known as **Barzakh**. This is the waiting place until Judgement Day.

On the Day of Judgement Muslims believe the day will come when Gods purpose for the universe will be fulfilled. The present world will be transformed into the new world. Everyone who has ever lived will be resurrected and judged by God.

### **Heaven** (Jannah)

A reward for following God, asking for forgiveness and leading a good life. Families are reunited and it is a peaceful place with no pain, illness or worry.

### **Hell** (Jahannam)

A punishment for living a wicked life, rejecting God and the teachings in the Qur'an. A place of extreme pain, with no escape.

## Key beliefs

### **Sunni**

#### Six articles of faith.

1. Tawhid
2. Angels
3. Holy books
4. Prophets
5. Day of Judgement
6. Al-Qadr (supremacy of Gods will)

### **Shi'a**

#### Five roots of Usul ad-Din

1. Tawhid
2. Prophethood
3. Adalat (Justice)
4. Imamate (accepting the twelve imams of Islam and guard the truth of religion )
5. Resurrection

#### Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam

- 1-4 = the same as Sunni (Salah, Zakah, Sawm and Hajj)
- 5 = Jihad
- 6=Khums
- 7= Amr-bil-Marooif (directing others towards good)
- 8= Nahi Anil Munkar= forbidding evil
- 9=Tawalla (express love towards Allah)
- 10= Tabarra (to express hatred towards those who oppress Allah)
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## How to answer exam questions

Q1) **Multiple choice question**- remember you only need to give one answer. **(1 mark)**

Q2) **Give two** – in this question you need to give two words or two simple sentences in your answer. **(2 marks)**

Q3) **Explain two ways** – you need to write two paragraphs that clearly make a point that is explained and backed up. (could have wording of contrasting or influences) **(4 marks)**

**Contrasting** requires you to give two different views.

**Influences** requires you to show how it impacts on the actions and way a believer leads their life.

Q4) **Explain two .... You must refer to scripture or sacred writing**- you need to write two paragraphs that clearly make a point that is explained and backed up. In this answer you must include a quote that shows how it links to your point or a teaching. **(5 marks)**

- Q5) Evaluate the statement and include: Christian teachings
- Detailed arguments that support the statement
- Detailed arguments that go against the statement
- Reach a justifiable conclusion

In this answer you need to clearly explain your points, back them up and show how they agree/disagree with the statement. When using quotes, you must explain what they mean and how they link to your points made. In your conclusion you must reach an overall judgment and show why you came to it. **(12 marks)**

## Nature of God

Every day Muslims hear and say the words 'Allahu Akbar' meaning God is the greatest. Muslims believe that God is so great he is transcendent, greater than you could ever imagine. There are 99 names revealed in the Qur'an which can help Muslims to understand Gods nature.

Many Muslims memories the names of God and recite them when they are praying privately. Each name helps them to feel Gods presence.

Some words associated with God:

- Omnipotent
- Transcendent
- Immanent
- Merciful
- Fair
- Just
- Beneficent
- Omnipresent
- Omniscient
- Perfect

