

RE Revision Year 8 - Spring Assessment

Overview:

In your assessment you will be answering the following types of questions -

- Definitions (2 marks)
- Describe (5 marks)
- Explain (8 marks)
- Evaluate (15 marks)

Questions will be based on the Topics covered so far this year - **Sikhism and Believing in God.**

Don't forget you need to use the PEE structure when paragraphing answers - **Point Evidence Explain**

Definitions (2 marks) - Learn the meaning of the following

Omnipotent - a messenger of God who has been divinely inspired.

Gurdwara - Sikh place of worship

Miracle - Something which seems to break the laws of science and makes you think that only God could have done it.

The teachings of Guru Nanak:

1. There is only one God

Guru Nanak created the Mool Mantra. He said there is only one God and truth is his name. This was the basis of the new religion he started. He began Sikhism out of Hinduism and Islam.

2. He had a Religious experience.

He disappeared into the river and reappeared again three days later during which time he met God. When he came out of the river, Guru Nanak said "There is no Hindu and no Muslim" He believed everyone was the same in God's eyes. This was the start of Sikhism

4. He Taught all Sikhs should help others.

He showed this when he gave the money to the 20 poor religious men that his Dad had given him to set up business. He inspired people to do the same and was a great example and teacher. The langar is used by Sikhs today to show charity.

5. He taught all Sikhs should tell the truth.

He went back and told the truth to his Dad when he had given all the money to the 20 poor priests that his Father had given him to set up business. Sikhs should copy his example and be true to themselves and their faith

The 5k's:

1. **Kirpan** - This is the sword. It represents the fight for truth and justice.
2. **Kesh** - It is uncut hair. It shows commitment and obedience to God. It is kept in place by a turban.
3. **Kara**- It is a bracelet worn to show the oneness of God and reminds Sikh's daily of their faith.
4. **Katchera** - Worn to remind Khalsa Sikhs of their commitment to no sex before marriage. A symbol of purity.
5. **Kanga** - A comb used by Sikhs to maintain their hair. It symbolises cleanliness. They are tidy and have respect for themselves.

Revision Tasks: (Tick these off when you have completed them)

- Complete your knowledge organiser
- Highlight keypoints on your revision sheet
- Create revision flash cards using the content on your revision sheet
- Create a spider diagram using the content. Include pictures and images to keep it visual.
- Learn/Test yourself using your revision resources
- Create examples of exam questions using the content and practice answering them



Religious experiences:

1. **Numinous** - when you feel that you are in the presence of something greater than yourself - e.g. in a holy building, looking up at the stars. A numinous experience may lead to belief in God - because they feel that God is the "presence" that they feel.
2. **Conversion** - you feel God's presence in your life and this feeling is so great, it makes you want to change your life and commit yourself to God in a special way eg St Paul on the Road to Damascus, John Pridmore / Davey Falcus (from gangster to preacher). A conversion experience may lead to belief in God - because they feel that God is calling them to do something for him.
3. **Miracle** - an event happens that seems to break a law of science and you believe a miracle has happened and that only God could have made it happen (eg unexpected cure at Lourdes, Jesus' miracles). An atheist who experiences a "miracle" will look for an explanation but it may lead them to believe in God.
4. **Prayers** - Catholics believe they communicate with God when they pray, it is how they meet God in their lives. During prayer they may experience a closeness to God, a sense of joy and peace. When you pray and feel that God has acted as a result of your prayer (eg a problem is solved, a relative gets well unexpectedly) this strengthens your belief in God.

Arguments for the creation of the world:

The Big Bang and the theory of evolution:

- Matter is eternal - it can be neither created nor destroyed, it can only be changed
- About 15 billion years ago, the matter of the universe became so compressed that it produced a huge explosion.
- As the matter flew away from the explosion and began to cool down, the matter formed into stars and the solar system was formed.
- The combination of gases on the earth's surface produced primitive life forms.
- The process of evolution led to the development of animals and humans.
- Simple life forms adapted and changed over long periods of time, firstly living in the water and then adapting to life on the land.

The Design argument:

- The world appears to have **design** - when we look at the world we see order and design. (eg human eye, DNA, beauty of nature...).
- It cannot have just happened by chance.
- There must be an intelligence behind it, a designer.
- For many the only possible designer of something as beautiful and complex as the world would be God.
- Paley's example of a watch being found can be used to explain this idea.

Catholic Response:

Many Catholics will say that scientific explanations are true but as long as God is the force behind it



The Causation argument

- Everything in the world has a **cause** - **nothing comes from no-thing**
- So it follows that the universe must have a cause. (think of dominoes)
- It is logical to believe that causes must have a starting point
- Only God could be the cause of the universe.
- God is the First Cause

Challenge tasks:

- Explain why Guru Nanak's teaching are important using 2 X PEE paragraphs
- Explain what the Big Bang theory is using 2 x PEE paragraphs
- Create a B style Describe question based on the content given and have a go at completing a timed practice question. Give yourself 8 minutes.
- Create a C style explain question based on the content given and have a go at completing a timed practice question. Give yourself 12 minutes.
- Create a D style exam question based on the content given. This would be a statement which you would use to evaluate different points. Give yourself 20 minutes. Aim for 3-4 X PEE paragraphs with a conclusion.