

GCSE Religious Studies – Component 3

Students: Ask someone at home – mum, dad, brother, sister to help you with your revision. Make them a cup of tea, hand them this sheet and show them everything you know about your RE!

Parents: How to use this

- Read the **question aloud**
- Student answers **from memory**
- Parent checks against the **answer clues**
- If unsure, prompt with: *“Can you add one more detail?”*

The Ten Commandments & the Mitzvot

Q1. Why are the Ten Commandments important to Jewish people?

Prompt: Who must follow them?

What to listen for:

- Given by God
- Apply to all Jews
- Guide moral behaviour
- Show God’s expectations

Q2. What are *mitzvot* and why are they important?

Prompt: How many are there?

What to listen for:

- 613 commandments
- Actions Jews must do or avoid
- Help Jews follow God’s will
- Shape daily life

Q3. How do Jews believe God judges human actions?

Prompt: Think behaviour and choices.

What to listen for:

- God judges actions
- Following commandments matters

- Reward or punishment depends on obedience

Sanctity of Life & Pikuach Nefesh

Q4. What does *sanctity of life* mean in Judaism?

Prompt: Who does life belong to?

What to listen for:

- Life comes from God
- Life is sacred
- All life has value

Q5. What is *pikuach nefesh*?

Prompt: What overrides most laws?

What to listen for:

- Saving life is most important
- Overrides most commandments
- Shows value of life

Q6. How does *pikuach nefesh* affect Jewish law?

Prompt: Can laws be set aside?

What to listen for:

- Yes, if life is at risk
- Even Sabbath laws can be broken
- Life comes first

Covenant & Abraham

Q7. What is a covenant in Judaism?

Prompt: Think promise.

What to listen for:

- Agreement between God and humans
- Mutual responsibilities
- Central to Jewish identity

Q8. Why is Abraham important in Judaism?

Prompt: First covenant?

What to listen for:

- Founder of Judaism
- Made covenant with God
- Father of the Jewish people

Q9. How is circumcision linked to the covenant?

Prompt: A physical sign.

What to listen for:

- Sign of the covenant
- Shows obedience to God
- Still practised today

Nature of God (Jewish Belief)

Q10. What does it mean to say Jews are monotheistic?

Prompt: Think Shema.

What to listen for:

- One God
- “The Lord is One”
- No other gods

Q11. What qualities do Jews believe God has?

Prompt: Power and knowledge.

What to listen for:

- Omnipotent
- Omniscient
- Creator

Q12. How do Jews believe God is involved with humanity?

Prompt: Think law and judgement.

What to listen for:

- Gave laws

- Judges actions
- Guides behaviour

Shekhinah & Moses

Q13. What is the Shekhinah?

Prompt: God's presence.

What to listen for:

- Divine presence of God
- Dwells among people
- Shows closeness of God

Q14. Why is Moses important in Judaism?

Prompt: Law and leadership.

What to listen for:

- Led Jews from Egypt
- Received the Law (Torah)
- Central figure in covenant

Views on Life After Death & the Messiah

Q15. What do Orthodox Jews believe about life after death?

Prompt: Think resurrection.

What to listen for:

- Resurrection of the body
- Judgement
- Reward or punishment

Q16. How do Reform Jews differ in belief about the afterlife?

Prompt: More symbolic.

What to listen for:

- Focus on life now
- Spiritual legacy
- Less literal belief

Q17. What do Jews believe about the Messiah?

Prompt: Who will he be?

What to listen for:

- Not divine
- Brings peace and justice
- Descendant of King David (Orthodox)

JUDAISM: PRACTICES

Worship at Home & Synagogue

Q18. Why is the synagogue important?

Prompt: Three functions.

What to listen for:

- Worship
- Study
- Community

Q19. How do Jews worship at home?

Prompt: Daily actions.

What to listen for:

- Praying
- Mezuzah
- Keeping commandments

The Sabbath (Shabbat)

Q20. What is Shabbat and why is it observed?

Prompt: Creation story.

What to listen for:

- Day of rest
- God rested on the seventh day
- Remember creation and covenant

Q21. How is Shabbat welcomed?

Prompt: Candles and prayers.

What to listen for:

- Lighting candles
- Kiddush
- Family meal

Lifecycle Events

Q22. What does Bar or Bat Mitzvah mean?

Prompt: Responsibility.

What to listen for:

- Son/daughter of the commandments
- Moral responsibility
- Part of the community

Q23. What is Brit Milah and why is it important?

Prompt: Covenant sign.

What to listen for:

- Circumcision
- Follows God's command
- Part of covenant

Kosher Laws

Q24. What does it mean to keep kosher?

Prompt: Food laws.

What to listen for:

- Certain foods allowed
- Meat and dairy separated
- Obedience to God

Jewish Festivals

Q25. What does Rosh Hashanah celebrate?

Prompt: New year ideas.

What to listen for:

- Jewish New Year
- Judgement
- Reflection

Q26. Why is Yom Kippur important?

Prompt: Forgiveness.

What to listen for:

- Day of Atonement
- Repentance
- Asking forgiveness

Funeral & Mourning

Q27. How do Jewish funerals show respect for life?

Prompt: Simple practice.

What to listen for:

- Simple burial
- Equality in death
- Respect for body

Q28. What is shiva and why is it important?

Prompt: Support.

What to listen for:

- Mourning period
- Community support
- Remembering the dead