



How to plan and prepare for GCSE assessments in RS

GCSE Religious Studies assesses your knowledge of religious beliefs and practices (AO1) and your ability to successfully make and sustain a written argument (AO2). In preparing for GCSE assessments, students should use the '12 mark structure' known as IFAC and the PEEL paragraph structure. These are found in the front of each of your work booklets. Below are a number of suggestions on how to use the Revision Strategy of upload, process and download when preparing for assessments during the course.

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Consolidate Your Learning

- Create flash cards.
 - *Put a question on one side or a Bible quote with words missing and the answer on the other.*
- Create a mind map for each religion and themes using your booklets and revision guides.
- 'Brain Dump' all you know about the topic you are revising without referring to notes
- Read the responses you've written in your booklet and look at teacher written feedback

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Active Retrieval Practice

- Quiz yourself using your flash cards.
 - *Quiz yourself more often with the ones you don't know and occasionally look at the ones you do.*
- Create a mind map for each religion and themes using your booklets and revision guides. Do this from memory and check it against the mind map you made before.
- Choose as many past paper 4 and 6 mark questions and those from the booklets and revision guide as possible, and working with another person tell them as much as you know without referring to notes or resources

3



Apply Your Knowledge

- Plan 12 marker answers using the IFAC structure Questions.
 - *Copy the IFAC structure and add bullet points to each section.*
- Write individual PEEL paragraphs
 - *You don't have to write the entire response. You could just practice writing one paragraph.*
- Green pen previous responses to improve them.
- Write a full 12 marker