ENGLAND GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES EDEXCEL · UNIT 1 · 25 QUESTIONS

Christianity Beliefs, Teachings and Practices — Practice Test

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1 **A rosary is used in prayer. What does the rosary help believers to meditate on?**

- A The history of the church
- B The names of the apostles, in some situations
- C Events in the life of Jesus and Mary
- D The books of the Bible

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2 **A cross hangs above the altar. What does the cross remind Christians of?**

- A The baptism of Jesus
- B The birth of Jesus
- C The death of Jesus for the sins of the world
- D The ascension of Jesus, which can happen in some cases

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3 **A stained glass window glows in the sunlight. What do stained glass windows in churches often show?**

- A Scenes from the Bible and the lives of saints
- B Maps of the parish, which can happen in some cases
- C Lists of donors
- D Weather forecasts

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4 **A Bible is used in worship. What do Christians believe the Bible is?**

- A A history book only
- B The word of God
- C A book written by Jesus
- D A book of laws only

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5 **Candles are lit at Easter. What does the Paschal candle represent?**

- A The harvest
- B The risen Christ
- C The birth of Jesus
- D The Holy Spirit at Pentecost

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6 **Prayer beads are held during prayer. What do prayer beads help a person to do?**

A To keep time in a service

B To count prayers and focus on God

C To count the congregation, in some situations

D To measure the church

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7 **What does the word reconciliation mean in Christianity?**

A Punishing a wrongdoer

B Forgetting a wrong that was done, which can happen in some cases

C Ending a friendship

D Restoring a broken relationship with God and with others

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8 **How many books are in the New Testament?**

A Sixty six

B Twelve

C Twenty seven

D Thirty nine, in some situations

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9 **How do many Christians reconcile the creation story with the Big Bang theory?**

A They reject all science

B They say the universe has no beginning

C They say the Bible is a science textbook, which can happen in some cases

D They see Genesis as symbolic and the Big Bang as the method God used

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11 **Who was the first person to see the risen Jesus according to the Gospel of John?**

- A Peter
- B Mary the mother of Jesus
- C Mary Magdalene
- D John

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12 **What is the anointing of the sick?**

A A sacrament for a new baby

B A sacrament for a new priest

C A sacrament of prayer and oil for a person who is seriously ill

D A sacrament for a healthy person, which can happen in some cases

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13 **What does the word eschatology mean?**

A The study of the Bible text

B The study of prayer

C The study of the last things, death, judgement and the afterlife

D The study of the church year, which is one possibility in some situations

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14 **Why is the Bible a source of wisdom and authority for Christians?**

A Christians believe it is a history book only

B Christians believe it is the word of God

C Christians believe it was written by Jesus

D Christians believe it is a book of laws only

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15 **What does Maundy Thursday remember?**

A The crucifixion

B The resurrection

C The Last Supper

D The ascension

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16 **Which festival celebrates the birth of Jesus?**

A Pentecost

B Christmas

C Harvest

D Easter

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17 **Which Gospel begins with the words In the beginning was the Word?**

A John

B Mark

C Luke

D Matthew

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18 **In which garden did Jesus pray before his arrest?**

A Golgotha, in some situations

B Gethsemane

C Eden

D Galilee

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19 **What is the role of a priest in the church?**

A To lead worship, teach and care for the congregation

B To collect taxes

C To write church law only, which can happen in some cases

D To run the church shop

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20 **Which religion is the primary religion studied in Paper 1 in this course?**

- A Christianity
- B Buddhism, in some situations
- C Islam
- D Judaism

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21 **What does the cross symbolise for Christians?**

- A The baptism of Jesus
- B The death and resurrection of Jesus
- C The ascension of Jesus, in some situations
- D The birth of Jesus

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22 **What does the word church mean when Christians talk about the people of God?**

- A A single congregation, in some situations
- B The community of all believers
- C The clergy only
- D A building only

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23 **What is the Eucharist?**

- A The ordination of a priest
- B The sacrament in which bread and wine are shared in memory of Jesus
- C The baptism of a baby
- D The confirmation of a teenager, which is one possibility in some situations

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24 **What is heaven in Christian belief?**

A A place on earth only

B A garden in Jerusalem, in some situations

C Eternal life in the presence of God

D A reward for the rich

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25 **What do Christians believe about Jesus?**

A He was only a teacher with no special role

B He is the Son of God and Saviour

C He never lived

D He was a Roman emperor

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ANSWER KEY

1.	C	**10.**	B	**19.**	A
2.	C	**11.**	C	**20.**	A
3.	A	**12.**	C	**21.**	B
4.	B	**13.**	C	**22.**	B
5.	B	**14.**	B	**23.**	B
6.	B	**15.**	C	**24.**	C
7.	D	**16.**	B	**25.**	B
8.	C	**17.**	A		
9.	D	**18.**	B		

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