

GCSE RS - The ABCD Answer Builder

A Answer it (Recall/Assert)

I can...

- ✓ Write a **full sentence** that **clearly answers** the question **directly**.
- ✓ Use **key vocabulary** where **appropriate**.

B Back it up (Explain)

I can...

- ✓ **Explain** why this point is **true** or **important**
- ✓ **Explain** my **idea** or **view** with **reasons** ('because') and **examples** ('for example')

(+) **Back up with sources of wisdom and authority** (eg teachings, holy texts, quotes)

C Challenge it (Analyse)

I can...

- ✓ **Analyse** why others **disagree** with this using **SWOT analysis** where appropriate.
- ✓ **Explain** **contrasting** or **opposing views** or ideas with **reasons** ('because...') and **examples** ('For example...')

(+) **Back up with sources of wisdom and authority** (teachings, holy texts, quotes)

D Decide (Evaluate)

I can...

- ✓ Give a clear personal judgement
- ✓ Justify this by providing counter arguments and explaining why one viewpoint is stronger than the other

There are 4 types of GCSE Religious Studies questions:

A-Type Questions = 3 marks "State three..."

Give 3 clear statements no explanation needed.

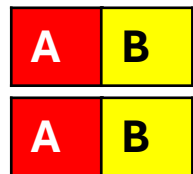
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B-Type Question = 4 marks "Explain two..."

Explain two reasons or beliefs so use A+B twice.

A + B = Answer it + Back it up
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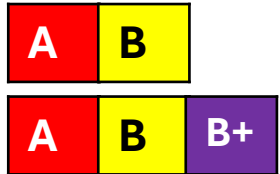


C-Type Question = 5 marks

"Explain two... include a source of wisdom and authority"

Explain two detailed points and in addition give at least 1 relevant source of wisdom and authority to back this up

A + B + B = Answer it + Back it up
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D-Type Question = 12 marks

"Evaluate" a statement

- ✓ Give arguments for the statement
- ✓ Give arguments against the statement
- ✓ Include religious teachings
- ✓ Reach a clear justified conclusion

