

# YEAR 11 GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES: MUSLIM BELIEFS



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A THE SIX BELIEFS OF ISLAM		
1	Tawhid	Belief in the oneness of Allah
2	Malaikah	Belief in the existence of angels
3	Qur'an	Belief in the authority of the holy books
4	Nubuwaah and Risalah	Belief in the prophets
5	Day of Judgement	Every human that has ever existed will be judged by Allah on their actions on Earth
6	Al-Qadar	Belief in predestination

B THE 5 ROOTS OF 'USUL AD-DIN IN SHI'A ISLAM		
1	Tawhid	The oneness of God
2	'Adl	Justice and fairness
3	Nubuwwah	Prophethood
4	Imamah	Successors to Muhammad
5	Mi'ad	The day of judgment and the resurrection

C THE NATURE OF GOD		
1	Transcendent	God is above and beyond anything that exists on Earth
2	Immanent	He is close to every human & acts within the world daily
3	Omnibenevolent	He is all-loving and cares about human beings
4	Omnipotent	He is all-powerful
5	Merciful	He forgives the things that people do wrong
6	Just	He judges people in a fair and unbiased way

D ALLAH AND THE QUR'AN	
1	Allah is transcendent and therefore cannot be described fully by words
2	The Qur'an teaches that Allah has 99 names.
3	Muslims may use a subhar when they pray to help them remember the names
4	Reciting the 99 names strongly shows their devotion to him

E RISALAH: PROPHETHOOD	
1	Risalah literally means message in Arabic
2	Allah gives messages to Nubuwwah and thereby revealed himself and his word
3	The Qur'an names 25 prophets, many appear in the Holy books of Judaism and Christianity
4	Prophets are to be respected but not worshipped
5	Allah sent his messages to the prophets via Malaikah, the angels
6	Muhammad, is seen as the final prophet and is referred to as the seal of the Prophets as he is accepted as the final messenger.

F MUSLIM HOLY BOOKS (KUTUB)	
1	The main holy book for Muslims is the Qur'an
2	It is written in Arabic and it is important for Muslims to read, understand and learn it in its original language
3	The Qur'an is divided in chapters (surahs) and each is made up on ayats (verses)
4	Those who learn the Qur'an by heart are called hafiz (male) hafizah (female)
5	The Qur'an mentions four other holy books: Tawarat. Zabur, Injil Sahifah of Ibrahim

G MALAIKAH: ANGELS	
1	Supernatural beings that are the servants of Allah
2	Created from light, have no physical body but can appear as humans
3	Angels have no free will, so they can only do what Allah orders them to do
4	Angels are also used on judgement day. One angel writes down your good deeds and another angel your bad.
5	Some angels are given higher ranks, they are known as archangels

H AL-QADR: PREDESTINATION	
1	Allah has control over everything and knows everything that will come to pass before it happens
2	Accepted by Sunni Muslims but not by Shi'a Muslims
3	Based on four beliefs: Allah's knowledge, Allah's recording of this, everything that does happen is willed by Allah, He is the creator.
4	Humans are responsible for their own sins, as they have decided what action to take.

I AKHIRAH: LIFE AFTER DEATH	
1	After death humans will be called to answer for their actions in life
2	Two angels will visit at a person's death and will ask a set of questions
3	Before judgement day souls will go to Barzakh to wait
4	Al-Jannah is paradise and is described in the Qur'an as a beautiful garden