

The perfect 4 and 5 marker

Highlight the words in each question

Show the difference between a 3, 4 and a 5 marker

Top tips – specific about how it influences, quote/key book, key teaching, joiner phrases

Model for belief, practice, theme

Take away – Practice question for each topic

4 markers - Themes

- Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about nuclear weapons. In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions. **[4 marks]**

For the themes 4 markers, you will be asked to talk about two religious traditions. You **MUST** have Christian and Buddhist key teachings (unless you have a tasty extra).

Remember – ‘Some...’ ‘because [evidence],’ explanation [this means that...]
x2.

Let’s have a look at a perfect 4 marker.

Some Christians believe that nuclear weapons can be kept as ~~data~~ deterrents to prevent violence and may also condone the use of them in order to prevent further suffering, like in World War II. They may say that God promoted sanctity of life and said that 'all life is sacred and God-given' so, if they can save more sacred lives by using nuclear weapons then that would be acceptable.

Buddhists oppose the use of nuclear weapons as they cause suffering and break the first moral precept, which means that the cycle of samsara ~~can~~ cannot be broken and thus the main aim of enlightenment cannot be achieved. The quote 'I undertake to abstain from taking life' shows that Buddhists would not agree with nuclear weapons as it would break that promise.

5 markers - Themes

- Explain **two** religious beliefs which show that all acts of terrorism are wrong. *Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer.* [5 marks]
- Just the same but NEED quotes...

Buddhists believe that it is wrong to intentionally cause suffering of any kind as it is an unskillful action that would generate bad Karma and thus make enlightenment harder to achieve. This therefore shows that terrorism would be wrong as it causes a lot of suffering. Buddhists would also oppose terrorism as it breaks the first moral precept - 'To abstain from taking life'.

Christians believe in sanctity of life, which is shown in the quote 'All life is sacred and God-given'. This therefore shows that Christians believe only God has the right to take life and humans cannot as the 10 Commandments prohibit it. Therefore, this view shows that all acts of terrorism are wrong to Christians as they break the idea of the 10 Commandments and sanctity of life.

4 markers – Beliefs (Christianity)

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Explain two ways in which Jesus' crucifixion influences Christians today.

[4 marks]

Target: AO1:2 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religion and belief, including influence on individuals, communities and societies

First way

Simple explanation of a relevant and accurate influence – 1 mark

Detailed explanation of a relevant and accurate influence – 2 marks

Second way

Simple explanation of a relevant and accurate influence – 1 mark

Detailed explanation of a relevant and accurate influence – 2 marks

4 markers – Let's pick a point...

Students may include some of the following points, but all other relevant points must be credited:

- Jesus' crucifixion was predicted by scripture / Christians believe that the crucifixion fulfilled scripture / which influences them to rely on scripture and to obey its commands.
- Jesus forgave the guards who crucified him / so Christians can look forward to forgiveness for their own sins.
- Jesus promised the repentant sinner that the man would be with him in Paradise / so Christians are encouraged to believe in and look forward to life after death.
- The Roman centurion said, 'Surely this man was the Son of God' / so Christians can believe that Jesus was the Son of God.
- Jesus experienced great suffering, spiritual and emotional / together with a feeling of absolute desolation and isolation / Knowing this, those who suffer in these kinds of ways will be better able to bear their suffering.
- Christians may be led to a deeper commitment / eg to worship.
- Some might be influenced to follow Christian teachings, etc.

Live Modelling... One PEE

Explain two ways in which Jesus' crucifixion influences Christians today.
(4 marks)

5 markers – Practices (Buddhism)

0 2 . 4 Explain two reasons why Wesak is important for Buddhists.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of Buddhist belief and teaching in your answer.

[5 marks]

Target: AO1:1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religion and belief, including beliefs, practices and sources of authority

First reason

Simple explanation of a relevant and accurate reason – 1 mark

Detailed explanation of a relevant and accurate reason – 2 marks

Second reason

Simple explanation of a relevant and accurate reason – 1 mark

Detailed explanation of a relevant and accurate reason – 2 marks

Relevant and accurate reference to sacred writing or another source of Buddhist belief and teaching – 1 mark

5 markers – Practices (Buddhism)

- Wesak is probably the best known and most significant festival for Buddhists as it is the most important one. It commemorates three important events in the Buddha's life; his birth, his enlightenment and his passing into Parinirvana (the final state of nirvana).
- It is a festival to honour and remember the Buddha as well as his teachings and has been celebrated since the early 20th century.
- It is an opportunity for Buddhists to make offerings to the Buddha, light lanterns, give gifts such as food, candles and flowers to the monks in the local monastery.
- It is an opportunity for monks to lead meditation, chant from the Buddhist scriptures and give sermons about the Buddha's enlightenment. Caged birds and / or animals can be released in some countries and this is important for people to see the loving kindness and compassion of Buddhists for others.
- Passages are read from the Avatamsaka Sutra – a Mahayana Buddhist scripture which reveals how reality appears to an enlightened being, and Wesak celebrates the Buddha's enlightenment.
- All Buddhists live by the Five Moral Precepts, and these are chanted and meditated on during Wesak / bodhicitta is also chanted.
- Hymns are sung in praise of the three jewels or treasures (the Buddha, his teachings and his disciples); reference could also be made to the symbolism of the lotus flower, bathing of the Buddha image, etc.

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- Explain two reasons why Wesak is important for Buddhists. *Refer to sacred writings or another source of Buddhist belief and teaching in your answer.* [5 marks]