**How to Answer RE Test Questions

*Below are some examples of RE test questions. Have a read of them.*

*Time allowed 20 minutes.*

1 What is the official language of Islam?

A) English B) Latin C) Arabic D) Sanskrit [1 mark]

2 Give two Muslim countries. [2 marks]

3 Explain two Muslim practices. [4 marks]

5 ‘The journey to Medinah was the most important event in the life of Muhammed (pbuh).’

 Evaluate this statement.

 In your answer you:

 • should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement

 • should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view

 • should reach a justified conclusion [8 marks]

 **Total: 15 marks**

*Questions in RE tests are the same format for all of the different year groups. This means that you will be answering the same* ***types*** *of questions in older years as you do in Y8. This means that in Y8 you will do less well than when you are older. 33% is okay in Y8 and 50% in Y9. The information below tells you how to answer each type of question. Have a read of that.*

1 This is always multiple choice. You don’t have much time so **just write the letter** of the correct answer e.g., ‘1. c’.

2 **Just give short answers** to question 2 to save time e.g., ‘Egypt, Syria’.

3 **You need sentences for this one.** You need to explain two things: two marks for the first and two for the second. For each thing, name it, e.g., ‘prayer’ (= 1 mark) then explain it a little, e.g. ‘Muslims pray five times a day because they believe Muhammed was commanded to and it brings them closer to God (= another mark). Just say what it means or how it works, depending on the question.[[1]](#footnote-1)

5 **You need to use sentences for this and if you can, use paragraphs**, that will help a lot. ***This is worth half of all the marks***. Make sure you don’t run out of time for this one. This is always an opinion question. You need to talk about who thinks what and why. Here’s the easiest way to answer a q 5 question:

* Who would agree with the statement + reasons they would give + examples.
* Who would disagree with the statement + reasons they would give + examples.
* Your opinion + a reason.

How to Revise

*These are some ideas. You don’t have to do all of them. Most useful ones are first.*

1. Pick your weakest area first.
2. Learn the key words.
3. Read your notes – just doing this makes a big difference – unless your notes are lousy.
4. Read past lessons on Moodle: <https://moodle.beverleyhigh.net/course/view.php?id=422#section-2>
5. Revise with friends – it’s easier.
6. Little & often – 10 min per day
7. Write some flashcards.
8. Kahoot quizzes – if you can find relevant ones or even write your own.

Topics to revise

1. Introduction to Islam
2. Life of Muhammed
3. Five Pillars
1. Question 4 is deliberately left out. You will learn about this question type in Year 9. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)