

Grade IX Syllabus for CHRISTIANITY (Religious Education)

1: Christian Beliefs, Prophecy and Biblical History

- History of Israel from Joshua to Zedekiah
- Conquest of Canaan and the Babylonian exile
- Meaning and function of prophecy in the Old Testament
- God's sovereignty and faithfulness as revealed through prophecy
- Lives of Ruth and Ezra as examples of God's faithfulness
- Writings and wisdom of King Solomon
- Intertestamental period and its historical significance
- Angelic host and the Biblical concept of spiritual warfare

2: Life, Ministry and Saving Work of Lord Jesus Christ

- Jesus Christ as revealer of the Father
- Attributes of God revealed through the life and ministry of Jesus
- Wisdom of Jesus in communicating with His disciples
- Jesus as the promised Messiah in the Old and New Testaments
- Active obedience of Jesus and its importance in understanding Him as Savior
- Passion narratives in Matthew, Mark and Luke
- Crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- Necessity and significance of the resurrection
- Biblical understanding of the afterlife
- Salvation in relation to Jesus Christ

3: Christian Values and Character

- Gentleness as a fruit of the Spirit
- Forgiveness and the example of Jesus Christ
- God's attributes and their application in Christian life
- Patience and self-control
- Forgiveness and compassion
- Courage and wisdom
- David as an example of courage
- Development of Christian personality and conscience
- Application of Christian values in difficult situations and daily life

4: Biblical and Christian Personalities

Study the lives, qualities and contributions of:

- Jeremiah – perseverance

- Daniel and Esther – faith and commendable character during exile
- Clement Shahbaz Bhatti – service and contribution to Christians in Pakistan
- Iqbal Masih – courage and relevance to Pakistani society
- Paul – faith and courage after the Damascus Road
- Elizabeth and John – faith in the New Testament narrative
- Bakht Singh – obedience and contribution in South Asia
- Akash Bashir – faithfulness, courage and love for the Church

5: The Holy Bible – Inspiration, Inerrancy and Interpretation

- Biblical inspiration and its types
- Holy Bible as God's words
- Relationship between inspiration and inerrancy
- Authenticity, reliability and credibility of the Holy Bible
- Common objections regarding Biblical credibility
- Relationship between inspiration and interpretation
- Principles of sound Biblical interpretation
- Interpretation according to genre and context
- Methods of teaching the Holy Bible
- Practicality and accuracy of Biblical teaching
- Overview of the Old Testament and its major themes
- God's plan of salvation in the Holy Bible

6: Church History and the Apostolic Fathers

- Meaning and importance of Church history
- Life and teachings of the Apostolic Fathers
- Influence of the Apostolic Fathers on Christianity
- Essential Christian doctrines expressed during their period
- Value of these doctrines for later generations
- Early persecution of Christians under the Roman Empire
- Historical background of the Council of Nicaea
- Factors leading to the Council of Nicaea
- Impact of the Council of Nicaea on Christian doctrine
- Spread of Christianity during the Middle Ages
- Struggles faced by early Christians

Grade IX Syllabus for HINDUISM - Sanatan Dharam (Religious Education)

1: Teachings and Beliefs of Sanatan Dharam

- Main teachings of Sanatan Dharam and their effects on human life
- Vedic concept of Ishwar(God)
- Moksha and its importance
- Proper treatment of other living beings
- Vedic concept of creation
- Comparison of Vedic creation with scientific theories
- Concept and purpose of Avatars
- Teachings and character of selected Avatars

2: Four Aims of Life and Spiritual Paths

- Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha
- Relationship among the four aims of life
- Practical importance of Dharma
- Concept of Punar Janam (rebirth)
- Karma Yoga
- Gyan Yoga
- Bhakti Yoga
- Application of these teachings in daily life

3: Vedangas and Shastras

- Shiksha
- Lipi
- Vyakaran
- Jyotish
- Nirukta
- Nighantu
- Sankhya Shastra and its teachings

4: Sacred Places of Sanatan Dharam

- Katas Raj
- Sadhu Bela
- Hinglaj Mata Temple
- Sharda Peeth
- Pithoro
- Daryalal
- Historical and religious importance of these places
- Personalities and teachings associated with them

5: Great Religious Personalities

Study the lives, teachings, sacrifices and contributions of:

- Bhishma Pitamah
- Guru Gobind Singh Ji
- Sant Nenuram
- Shri Bhilan
- Bhagat Ravidas
- Daanveer Karna

- Arya Bhat
- Acharya Charak
- Acharya Sushrut
- Dhanvantari
- Guru Vashisht
- Shri Rama Pir
- Sant Teoon Ram

6: Great Social and Educational Personalities

Study the social, educational and intellectual services of:

- Diwan Gidumal
- Dr. Bhoj Chand
- Moolchand
- Bhairumal Mehrchand Advani
- Parmanand Mewaram
- Vishnu Gupta

7: Moral and Ethical Teachings

- Truthfulness
- Promise-keeping
- Patriotism
- Courage and sacrifice
- Service to humanity
- Devotion
- Honesty
- Unity
- Sympathy and compassion
- Respect for parents and elders
- Justice
- Loyalty
- Transparency
- Fulfilment of duties
- Application of moral values in daily life

8: Religious Festivals

- Holi
- Diwali
- Karva Chauth
- Religious and historical background of the festivals
- Customs and practices associated with them
- Moral and social teachings of the festivals

9: Religious and Social Sanskars

- Namkaran Sanskar
- Kesh Mundan Sanskar
- Vivah Sanskar
- Antyeshti Sanskar
- Meaning and importance of each Sanskar
- Main rituals and their purposes
- Social and moral significance of these ceremonies

Grade IX Syllabus for SIKHISM (Religious Education)

1: Anandpur Sahib, Kartarpur Sahib and the Khalsa

- History and religious importance of Anandpur Sahib
- Guru Gobind Singh Ji and Anandpur Sahib
- Khalsa Sajna (1699) and importance of the Khalsa
- History and importance of Kartarpur Sahib
- Kartarpur Corridor and its significance
- Gurmukhi reading, writing and poetry related to Anandpur Sahib, Khalsa Sajna and Kartarpur Sahib

2: Gurbani, Family Life and Spirituality

- Meaning and importance of Gurbani
- Influence of Gurbani on family life
- Peace, calmness and moral conduct
- Meaning and importance of devotion and spirituality
- Relationship between devotion and spirituality
- Application of religious teachings in daily life

3: Tolerance, Beliefs and Practices

- Meaning and importance of tolerance
- Respect for differences of opinion and belief
- Peaceful coexistence in a diverse society
- Core Sikh beliefs and religious practices
- Importance of Sikh beliefs and practices in modern life

4: Sikh Communities Around the World and in Pakistan

- Sikh population and communities around the world
- Major countries and regions where Sikhs live
- Sikh population and social life in Pakistan
- Identification of Sikh populations on world and Pakistan maps
- Contributions of Sikhs to society

5: Sikh Gurdwaras, Festivals and Holidays in Pakistan

- Meaning and importance of Gurdwara

- Important Sikh Gurdwaras in Pakistan
- Religious and historical importance of Sikh places of worship
- Major Sikh festivals and holidays celebrated in Pakistan
- Religious, social and cultural importance of Sikh festivals

6: Guru Gobind Singh Ji and the Guru Sahiban

- Life, teachings, sacrifices and services of Guru Gobind Singh Ji
- Social reforms and contributions of Guru Gobind Singh Ji
- Guru Gobind Singh Ji as founder of the Khalsa
- Meaning and role of Guru Sahiban
- Teachings and philosophy of Guru Sahiban
- Service to humanity, equality, respect and righteous living

7: Bhagat Sahiban, Sikh Women Leaders and Gursikhs

- Lives, teachings, services, sacrifices and social reforms of Bhagat Sahiban
- Sikh women leaders from 1469 to 1708 and their contributions
- Meaning of Gursikh
- Lives, teachings, sacrifices and services of important Gursikhs
- Social and religious contributions of these personalities

8: Sikh Moral and Ethical Teachings

- Meaning and importance of good leadership
- Qualities of a good leader
- Gurbani's concept of virtues
- Religion, philosophy, science and morality
- Benefits of virtues and harmful effects of sins
- Meaning and importance of **Charrdi Kala**
- Positive thinking and a hopeful approach to life
- Healthy and happy living
- Application of moral values in everyday life

Grade IX Syllabus for ZOROASTRIANISM (Religious Education)

1: The Gathas and Spiritual Teachings

- Vohu Khshathra Gatha and its spiritual meaning of moral courage
- Vahishtoishti Gatha and the concept of the Best Path
- Spiritual and ethical dimensions of Zoroastrian faith
- Relationship between spirituality, nature and harmonious living

2: Ahura Mazda, Prayer and Religious Life

- Attributes of Ahura Mazda as Wise and All-Knowing
- Ahura Mazda as the refresher of the soul
- Names of Ahura Mazda:
 - Names 51–75
 - Names 76–101
- Importance of prayers offered in front of:
 - Mountains – *Namaskar Parvat-no*
 - Water – *Namaskar Pani-no*
 - Plants – *Namaskar Orvar-no*

3: Teachings of Asho Zarathustra and Life Skills

- Teachings of Asho Zarathustra
- Effective communication and empathy
- Application of teachings in personal and professional life
- Leadership skills and responsibilities of a global citizen
- Teachings of Asho Zarathustra in the context of a healthy married life

4: Life, Birth and Depiction of Asho Zarathushtra

- Historical and modern depictions of Asho Zarathushtra in different art styles
- Changes in symbolic representation over time
- Date and place of Asho Zarathushtra's birth from historical perspectives
- Cultural and religious significance of his representation through history

5: Fire, Calendars and Pilgrimage

- Scientific principles related to the symbolism and significance of fire in Zoroastrianism
- Relationship between ancient religious traditions and modern scientific knowledge

- Celebration and symbolism of fire in other cultures
- Significance of the Olympic Flame
- Avardad Roj and comparison with the Gregorian leap-year system
- Three Zoroastrian calendars:
 - Kadmi
 - Shahenshahi
 - Fasli
- Historical, religious and cultural importance of these calendars
- Pir-e-Sabz as a significant place of pilgrimage

6: Religious Commemoration and Departed Souls

- Hamaspathmaidyem Gahambar
- Its significance in the remembrance of the dead and departed souls
- Connection of religious observances with memory, faith and community life

7: Zoroastrian Kings and Historical Contributions

- **Cyrus the Great**
 - Life, political tenure and contributions
 - Cyrus Cylinder
- **Darius the Great**
 - Life, political tenure and contributions
- **Xerxes and Cambysis**
 - Lives, political tenures and contributions
- **Ardashir**
 - Life, political tenure and contributions
- **Khushro and Yazdagrid III**
 - Lives, political tenures and contributions
- Importance of the Achaemenian and Sassanian dynasties in Zoroastrian history

8: Death, Purity and the Hereafter

- Historical significance of Dokhma Nasheen
- Structure and significance of the Tower of Silence
- Concepts of:
 - Sin
 - Purity
 - Hell
 - Heaven
- Understanding the soul's journey in Zoroastrian belief

Grade IX Syllabus for BUDDHISM (Religious Education)

1: Philosophy and Fundamental Beliefs of Buddhism

- Philosophy of life of Gautama Buddha
- Fundamental beliefs of Buddhism
- Effects of Buddhist beliefs on individual and social life
- Comparison of Gautama Buddha’s teachings with the contemporary world
- Understanding and presentation of Buddhist beliefs
- Rise and development of Buddhism in India
- Major causes of the decline of Buddhism in India
- Contemporary challenges faced by Buddhists and possible solutions

2: Buddhist Way of Life

- Meaning and importance of the Buddhist way of life
- Essential conditions for practising the Buddhist way of life
- Important principles of Buddhist living
- Effects of the Buddhist way of life on individuals and society
- Buddhist principles for dealing with difficulties in life
- Application of Buddhist teachings in daily life

3: Sacred Places and Religious Literature

- Important sacred places of Buddhism
- Religious and historical importance of Buddhist sacred places
- Introduction to Buddhist religious literature
- Important Buddhist sacred books
- Major collections of Buddhist sacred literature
- Buddhist sacred texts and collections in different languages
- Importance of religious knowledge and literature in Buddhism

4: Buddhist Education and Moral Teachings

- Importance of knowledge and education in Buddhism
- Buddhist educational institutions
- Aims and objectives of the Buddhist system of education
- Buddhist moral and ethical teachings
- Importance of moral values in individual and social life
- Application of Buddhist ethical teachings in daily life
- Buddhist teachings concerning nature and the environment

5: Gandhara Civilization and Buddhist Heritage

- Introduction to Gandhara civilization
- Gandhara Buddhist heritage
- Religious and cultural importance of Gandhara
- Relationship of Gandhara civilization with other civilizations
- External influences on Gandhara civilization
- Importance of Buddhist cultural heritage
- Preservation of Buddhist historical and cultural heritage

6: Buddhist Art and Cultural Traditions

- Introduction to Buddhist art
- Major forms of Buddhist art
- Religious and cultural importance of Buddhist art
- Importance of fine arts in Buddhism
- Buddhist artistic and cultural traditions
- Role of art in Buddhist cultural heritage
- Preservation and appreciation of Buddhist art and heritage

Grade IX Syllabus for KALASHA RELIGION (Religious Education)

1: Belief and Introduction to Law

Kalasha Religion and Law

- Definition of the Kalasha religion.
- Concept of religion or law and its importance.

Holy Names of God

- Two groups of holy names of God.
- Four groups of holy names of God.
- Songs and prayers related to the two groups of holy names of God: recitation and memorization.
- Meaning of songs and prayers related to the four groups of holy names of God.

World of God and Human Life

- The world of God.
- Human life cycle according to the Kalasha religion.

Holy Emblems

- Illustration of **18 pairs of holy emblems** and their position in the universe.
- Illustration of **20 pairs of holy emblems** and their position in the universe.

Holy Land of Tsiam

- Features of life in the holy land of Tsiam.

Yas’i (Tsiam Parik)

- Songs and prayers of Yas’i.
- Practices associated with Yas’i.

Roi Moc

- Office/designation of **Roi Moc (Chief Priest)**.
- Selection of Roi Moc.

2: The Devil and Its Followers

Impure Names of the Devil

- Five impure names of the Devil and their characteristics.
- Nine impure names of the Devil and their characteristics.

Hunting and Funeral of the Devil

- Hunting and funeral of the Devil.
- Purpose of the hunting event and funeral.
- Rituals associated with the hunting event and funeral.

Chants of Devil Hunting and Funeral

- Chants pronounced or vocalized during Devil hunting and funeral.
- Meaning and purpose of the chants.

Bal’ihen and Rhuzhi

- Bal’ihen (the witch hunter).
- Recognition of Rhuzhi by Bal’ihen.
- Treatment of Rhuzhi by Bal’ihen.

3: Ethical Values and Relationship Between God and

Human Beings

Bond Between God and Man

- Recognition and understanding of the bond between God and man.

Creation of the Seed of Man

- Purpose of the creation of the seed of man with reference to **sacred names 17–24**.

Status of Man and Woman

- Status of woman in the Kalasha religion.
- Status of man in the Kalasha religion.

4: Kalasha Religious and Social Traditions

Traditions of Time Measurement

- Suri Jagek.

Traditions of Ablutions

- Traditions of ablutions.

Traditions of Making Brothers and Sisters

- Dari Hik.

Traditions of Religious Places

- Graveyard.
- Temple.
- Bashali.

Abandoned Traditions

- Six abandoned traditions.
- Eight abandoned traditions.
- Causes of abandonment of traditions.

5: Festivals, Holy Songs and Prayers

- Zhoshi
- Ucaw
- Pu’n’
- Cawmos
- L’awak Bi’ik
- L’agaur
- Precesh

The study shall include:

- Events within the seven festivals.
- Purpose and sequence of events within the seven festivals.
- Meaning of the holy songs and prayers of the festivals.
- Power and blessings of God through the holy songs and prayers of the festivals.

6: Sources of Inspiration — Holy Elders

Identification of the Holy Elders

- Naga Dehar
- Bud’a Dehar
- Jaan-Durak of Tsiam
- Daginay (Rabi Dari)
- Raik Dehar
- Thanuk Dehar
- Bud’ok Dehar
- Bajur Dehar
- Muraad Baig Dehar
- Jandulikhan Dehar
- Camand’er Dehar
- Rot’a Dehar
- Virishik Dehar

Contributions of Holy Elders

Students shall discuss in detail the contributions of:

- Naga Dehar
- Bud’a Dehar
- Raik Dehar
- Thanuk Dehar
- Bud’ok Dehar
- Virishik Dehar

Songs of the Holy Elders

- Meaning of any two songs of the holy elders.
- Purpose and importance of the songs of the holy elders.

7: Heroes — Kalasha Kings and Warriors

Raja Way

- Detailed study of the rule of **Raja Way**.

Shal’ak S’a

- Detailed study of the rule of **Shal’ak S’a**.

Tajamul

- Detailed study of the rule of **Tajamul**.

Sumalik

- Detailed study of the rule of **Sumalik**.

Kalasha Warriors

- Efforts of the Kalasha warriors.
- Consequences of the efforts of the Kalasha warriors.

Grade IX Syllabus for BAHA'Í (Religious Education)

1: Obligatory Prayer

- Law of obligatory prayer
- Study of obligatory prayer
- Memorization of obligatory prayer
- Practice of obligatory prayer

2: Youth and the Path of Service

- Role of youth in building a better civilization
- Purpose and significance of walking the Path of Service

3: Adhering to the Laws of God

- Fundamental concept of adhering to the Laws of God
- Importance of obedience to the Laws of God in individual life
- Law of fasting
- Implementation of fasting and obligatory prayer

4: Spiritual Qualities for Adhering to the Laws of God

- Spiritual qualities essential for adhering to the Laws of God
- Spiritual values linked with maintaining a prayerful attitude
- Spiritual values linked with adhering to the Laws of God

5: Lives of the Early Believers

- Stories from the lives of early believers
- Narration of stories from the lives of early believers