Introduction:

Secularisation is the process where religion loses its influence over society. The idea that rationality has stripped the world and science has much more of an influence over society than religion (Weber).

Evidence that secularisation is happening within Britain-

1. Church attendance

In 1998 40% of the adult population went to church on Sundays in 2015 only 5% of the adult population did this.

The number of children attending Sunday school has also declined as well as attendance at large organisations e.g. Church of England.

The amount of marriages taking place in churches has also decreased.

2. Religious affiliation today

The number of people identifying with a religion is declining.

Between 1983 and 2014 the amount of people identifying with a religion went from 1/3 of people to 1/2.

3. Religious institutions today

The influence of religious institutions has also declined.

The state has taken over many functions that the church used to perform.

E.g. until 1945 the church provided education but now the state does that.

Evidence of secularisation = Attendance, affiliation (identity) and institutions.

(This evidence could be mentioned briefly in an introduction)

REVISION SPACE FOR EVIDENCE OF SECULARISATION