

AQA Religious Studies A – Theme A: Relationships and Families (Paper 2)



Key Words					
Adultery	Having sex with someone who is not your husband	Gender	Unfairly judging and treating someone		
	or wife, outside of marriage.	Prejudice	differently because of their gender.		
Annulment	A Catholic Church ruling that a marriage was never valid.	Heterosexual	Sexual attraction to the opposite gender.		
Cohabitation	A couple living together and having a sexual relationship without being married to one another.	Homosexual	Sexual attraction to the same gender.		
Contraception	Methods of preventing pregnancy e.g. condoms, the pill, the coil.	Marriage	A legal and religious ceremony joining two people together in love.		
Divorce	The legal ending of a marriage.	Procreation	Bringing babies into the world.		
Gender	Acting against someone based on their gender,	Remarriage	Marrying someone else after divorce.		
Discrimination	may be against the law.				
Gender Equality	Giving men and women the same rights and	Sex before	Sex between two single, unmarried people.		
	opportunities.	marriage			

Key Ideas						
	Sexual Orientation	Adultery and Sex Outside Marriage				
	- The Roman Catholic church teaches that sex	- Muslims and many Christians believe sex before				
	between people of the same gender is sinful and	marriage is unacceptable. Sex should only take place				
Religious Views on Sexuality	argue that homosexual relationships are banned	inside a marriage which is a lifelong relationship.				
Religious views on sexuality	by the Bible.	However, some Liberal Christians accept sex before				
	- Liberal Christians teach that Jesus wanted people	marriage is a valid expression of a couple's love.				
	to love each other and show mercy and that we	 Adultery is prohibited by the Bible and Christians 				
	should be accepting of homosexuals.	argue it is wrong as it undermines marriage involves				
$\mathbf{\Psi}$	- Gay marriage is banned in the Catholic Church	lies and secrecy.				
	and Church of England.	-Sex before marriage is not forbidden in Buddhism as				
	- Buddhists believe the 5 moral precepts will apply	long as sexual acts are respectful and loving with full				
	to both same sex and opposite-sex relationships,	consent of the people involved.				
	what matters is consent and respect.	- Buddhists would regard adultery as unskilful as it				
		involves dishonesty and does not show kindness.				
	- Contraception means using something to stop yourself from getting pregnant.					
	- Family planning means using the natural cycle of fe	rtility which women go through to predict when a				
Contraception	woman would be least fertile.) to "be furtified and multiple" (Concerts 1.2) which				
	 In the Bible God tells Adam and Eve (the first couple encourages them to have children. 	e) to be fruitful and multiply (Genesis 1:2) which				
	-	arriage must be open to progression (baying babies)				
	- Catholic Church argues that all sexual acts inside marriage must be open to procreation (having babies)					
	and that a baby is a gift from God. They may use family planning as it is a natural method. - The <i>Church of England</i> argues that contraception should be allowed so that couples can take time and					
E	consider if they want to have children.	ioura de anowea so that couples can take time and				
		of contraception. However, using methods which stops				
	a fertilised egg from implanting may be seen as a for					
	- Marriage is a legal ceremony in which two people make vows (promises) in front of their friends and					
	family and (if a religious ceremony) in front of God. During a Christian ceremony you agree to be together					
	for life saying "til death do us part".					
Marriage and Divorce	- In Buddhism marriage is a social contract rather than a religious rite so it is not a religious duty.					
- Divorce is legal in the UK and many marriages currently end in divorce.						
- The <i>Catholic Church</i> do not support divorce. They believe that sex after divorce is a form of adulte						
	you cannot get remarried in a Catholic Church once you have been divorced					
- The <i>Church of England</i> accepts divorce, especially if it is for reasons of abuse but you have to reasons						
	special permission to get remarried in a church.					
	- In Buddhism divorce is seen as a last resort. By developing metta (loving –kindness) and following the Five					
Moral Precepts they work hard to improve their marriage and mend a relationship.						
	Types of Family	Purpose of the Family				
Family	- Nuclear Family is a family with a mother, father and					
Failily	children – some Christians argue this is the ideal.	purpose of having and bringing up children.				
• •	- Extended Family is a family where grandparents an					
	other relatives are involved.	- Stability – the family should be for providing a				
'∏'¥'∰'	- Single Parent Family this is a family where one	secure, stable environment for children				
	parent brings up the child.	- Faith – the family should be a way of bringing				
		children up and educating them about their faith.				
Constant	crimination where they are not treated equality					
Gender - The Catholic Church argues that women have a special role as mothers and they do not						
	be priests. The Church of England has allowed women priests since 1994.					
IA	- Many Buddhists believe man and women should have equal status in Buddhism. However, in Theravada					
T V Buddhism nuns are still seen as subservient to monks and do not have the same respect or recognition.						

Teachings for Memorisation	Christianity) Adultery: • "You shall not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14 - Christianity) • "Do not commit adultery. It is a shameful and an evil way to act." (Surah 17:32 – Islam) <u>Contraception</u> : • "Be fruitful and increase in number" (Gen 1:28- Christianity) <u>Divorce:</u>		Gender Equality: • "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female for you are all one in Jesus Christ" (Colossians 3:20-21- Christianity) • "I shall not lose sight of the labour of any of you who labours in My way, be it man or woman; each of you is equal to the other." (Qur'an 3:195 – Islam) • "Man is born from a womanwoman is born from woman; with woman, there would be no one at all." (Guru Granth Sahib – Sikhism) Sex Before Marriage	
	 "If a man divorces his wife [] her in adultery" (Matthew 5:32 "I promise never to abandon he happens." (Hindu marriage vov "Marry and do not divorce; the Allah shakes due to divorce." (Islam) 	- Christianity) er, whatever v) throne of	 "But if the cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than burn with passion." (1 Corinthians 7:9 – Christianity) 	
Test Yourself! (All answers on the first page)	Define the following: a) Adultery b) Cohabitation c) Gender Prejudice d) Divorcee) Annulment f) Homosexual g) Procreation			
	 Explain the following: a) two view on divorce b) two purposes of the family c) two views about contraception d) two beliefs about sex before marriage e) two beliefs about sexual orientation f) two beliefs about marriage. Write a plan for the following 12 mark questions: a) "Religious couples should not seek a divorce." Evaluate this statement. b) "It is not always wrong to have sex outside of marriage." Evaluate this statement. c) "Same-sex parents are as good at bringing up children as other parents." Evaluate this statement. d) "Men and women should have equal roles within the home." Evaluate this statement. 			
	Wording		Explanation	
	Give two	Just list two t	hings-words or phrases	
Questions types on Paper 2	Explain two similar /contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about OR Explain two similar /contrasting Explain two religious beliefs	You must give Sexual relatio relationships You must give they must be	e and explain two beliefs about Contraception OR onships before marriage OR Homosexual from a Christian perspective and one other. e and explain two beliefs/teachings/practices, but contrasting or similar. e and explain two religious beliefs. Use of a clear,	
	about	-	ation/teaching will earn the fifth mark.	
	 About '' Evaluate this statement. Give developed arguments to support this statement Give developed arguments to support a different point of view Should refer to religious arguments May refer to non-religious arguments Reach a justified conclusion 	 Support Provide a you gave These co A possibl (x3) on e PEARL = Give a ju Save you explain v 	the statement and explain the reasons you give. a different point of view and explain the reasons	
Useful websites and revision guides	Exam board website, includes specification, practice papers, model answers. http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062			
	My Revision Notes AQA GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies Specification A (Hodder Education ISBN 978-1- 510-40479-3) AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Buddhism Revision Guide - AQA GCSE Religious Studies A (<i>Oxford University Press ISBN: 9780198422853</i>)			