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Unit 2
‘Christianity: Ethics’

Revision Notes
1. The Right to Life

**Abortion**
The deliberate termination (ending) of a pregnancy, usually before the foetus is twenty-four weeks old.

**Absolute morality**
What is morally right & wrong applies to all circumstances, at all times.

**Active euthanasia**
The ending of a life by a deliberate action, such as by giving a patient a fatal injection.

**Euthanasia**
Inducing a painless death, with compassion, to ease suffering. From the Greek meaning 'Good Death'. Some Christians believe it is 'mercy killing' while others see it as taking life.

**Foetus**
Fertilised ovum from eight weeks.

**Gender**
Another word for a person's sex, i.e. male, female.

**Hospices**
Special places to which people go to die with dignity.

**Morality**
A system of ethics, about what is right or wrong.

**Non-voluntary euthanasia**
When a patient's life is ended because it is felt that to keep them alive is to make them suffer, but the patient is incapable of giving consent to the decision (e.g. He/she is in a coma).

**Passive euthanasia**
Allowing a terminally or incurably ill person to die by withdrawing or withholding medical treatment that would only prolong the suffering and have no real benefit.

**Pro-choice**
Slogan used for the view that supports the right to choose whether or not to have an abortion.

**Pro-life**
Slogan used for the view that supports the right to life of the foetus.

**Relative morality**
What is morally right or wrong in any situation depends upon its particular circumstances.

**Sanctity of life**
Life is sacred because it is God given.

**Self-determination**
Refers to the right to make decisions for oneself in life. It is an argument use by those who agree with voluntary euthanasia.

**Voluntary euthanasia**
When a terminally ill person asks a doctor or a friend to help them die peacefully and with dignity. It can be called 'mercy killing' or assisted suicide.

**Anglican**
A member of the Church of England or the Churches worldwide that are linked to it.

**Bible**

**Blastocyst**
Fertilised ovum at 5-7 days.

**Christian**
Someone who believes in Jesus Christ & follows the religion based on his teachings.

**Church of England**
The largest Protestant Church in England, which retains many Catholic features.

**Commandment**
A rule for living, given by God. One of the ten commandments, Jesus said that the greatest commandments were love of God & of neighbour.

**Compassion**
A feeling of pity that makes one want to help.

**Denomination**
A distinct group within the Christian faith, with its own organisation & traditions. Some of the major Christian denominations in Britain & Ireland including the Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian & Anglican.

**Encyclical**
A paper letter on a specific subject addressed to lay Roman Catholics & the clergy.

**Forgiveness**
Showing grace & mercy & pardoning people for what they have done wrong.

**Golden rule**
Jesus teaching to treat others as you would wish to be treated.

**Jesus**
1st century Jewish teacher & holy man, believed by Christians to be the Son of God.

**Methodist**
An evangelical Protestant Church. It began when John Wesley & his followers, broke away from the Church of England in the 19th century.

**New Testament**
The books of the Bible concerning the life & teachings if Jesus & his followers.

**Old Testament**
The books of the Bible, written in Hebrew & Aramaic, about the Jews before the time of Jesus. It speaks of God's covenant relationship with his people.

**The Pope**
The head of the Roman Catholic Church. The Successor of Peter who was appointed to lead the Church of Jesus.
Primitive Streak
- The appearance at 14 days after conception of what will develop into the spine.

Respect for life.
- Treating life as having value.

Roman Catholic
- The tradition within the Christian Church which is led by the Pope. Seven sacraments are celebrated.

Secular
- Non religious

Sin
- Behaviour which is against God's laws & wishes/ against principles of morality.
- A thought, word or action which is wrong, which people know is wrong & which people freely choose.

Unforgiving
- A refusal to forgive that can be considered to be harsh or unfair.

Viable
- The point at which a foetus could survive if it were to be born.

Zygote
- A newly fertilised ovum.

1) The Right to Life

Within this topic, candidates should show understanding of how Christian views on the sanctity and quality of life influence attitudes to abortion and euthanasia.

Abortion
- Views on when life begins;
- The status of the embryo/foetus
- Pro-life and pro-choice arguments
- Alternatives to abortion

Euthanasia
- Types of euthanasia- voluntary and non-voluntary
- The distinction between active and passive euthanasia
- Views about the right to self determination;
- The hospice movement.

Right to life

Key Quotes

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Exodus 20:13 You shall not murder.

Psalm 127:3 Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him.

Psalm 139: 13-16 13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body.

Luke 12:6, 7 "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

1 Corinthians 3:16/17
'Don't you think that you yourself are God's temple & that God's lives in you?'
'If anyone destroys God's temple God will destroy him; God's temple is sacred, & you are that temple'

Matthew 22:39 "Love you neighbor as yourself".

Job 12: 10 "In his hands is the life and breath of every living thing and the breath of all mankind"
Isaiah 57: 18 'I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will guide him and restore comfort to him.'

1 Corinthians 13:4, 7 'Love is patient, love is kind….it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.'

1 Thessalonians 5:14 ‘Encourage the timid, support the weak, be patient with everyone.’

Proverbs 31: 8, 9 ‘Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.
Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Different Christian Views

‘All human life is sacred.’ Pope Paul VI

‘Abortion is a grave moral disorder.’ Pope John Paul II

‘Abortion is a great moral evil……few exceptions indeed.’ C of E 1980 Board of Social Responsibility.

‘Abortion is still immoral and sinful.’ AOG Pentecostal

‘Because every foetus has significance, the abortion decision must neither be taken lightly nor made under duress.’ Methodist Council of Great Britain 1976

‘These factors (when abortion may be permitted) include, for example: the occasion when a pregnancy may pose a direct threat to the life or health of the mother; the probability of the birth of a severely abnormal child.’ Methodist statement on abortion 1976

‘If we really believe in the sanctity of life, that has to involve us offering time, emotional care and financial help to women who need it.’ Evangelical Alliance

‘Intentional euthanasia is murder.’ Catechism 2324

‘We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of.’ Catechism 2280

Euthanasia and assisted suicide undermine human dignity and are morally wrong regardless of age or disability.’ Salvation Army

‘There is a real possibility that terminally ill people may feel pressured to ask for an early death to avoid feeling a burden to their family or the health system.’ C of E statement on Assisted Dying Law

‘The Assemblies of God condemns as immoral the killing of the weak, the physically challenged, the mentally ill, or the aged, whether by a deliberate act or by coercing or assisting a person to commit suicide. God is both the giver of life and the arbiter of life…Humans are not empowered to take their own lives or the lives of others.’ AOG Pentecostal

‘Deliberately destroying life created in the image of God is contrary to our Christian conscience.’ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1992


Right to life Key Questions

Euthanasia & Hospices
a) What is Euthanasia? 2 marks
b) Describe how hospices care for those who are terminally ill & their relatives. 4 marks
c) “Christians should never agree with euthanasia”. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. 6 marks

The Right to life
a) Explain why some Christians might accept abortion. You may use examples in your answer. 6 marks
b) “There are better alternatives to abortion”
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Christian arguments in your answer. 6 marks

The work of hospices. 6 marks
d) “People who want euthanasia should be allowed.” Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Christian arguments in your answer. 6 marks

2. The Use of Medical Technology

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<td>When a woman is made pregnant by the sperm of a man other than her husband, but not through having sexual relations with him.</td>
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<td>Artificial insemination by husband (AIH)</td>
<td>When a woman is made pregnant by the sperm of her husband, but not through having sexual relations with him.</td>
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<td>Cloning</td>
<td>The scientific method by which animals or plants can be created which have exactly the same make up as the original, because the DNA of the original is used.</td>
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<td>Embryo</td>
<td>Fertilised ovum at about 12-14 days when implanted into the wall of the womb.</td>
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<td>Embryonic research (embryology)</td>
<td>The study of human embryos.</td>
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<td>Human genetic engineering</td>
<td>The modification of gene make-up to change the features of a human.</td>
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<td>Hybrid embryos</td>
<td>An embryo produced by cloning techniques for research purposes that consists of human &amp; animal cloning.</td>
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<td>Invitro fertilisation (IVF)</td>
<td>A procedure in which eggs are removed from the woman's ovaries &amp; fertilised with the sperm in a laboratory. The fertilised egg is then replaced into the woman's uterus.</td>
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<td>Saviour sibling</td>
<td>A child conceived by IVF with pre-implantation genetic diagnosis to save the life of an incurably ill sibling through the use of the cord blood.</td>
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<td>Somatic cell therapy</td>
<td>The use of genetic engineering to modify non-reproductive cells in order to treat genetic disease a form of gene therapy.</td>
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**Stem cell cloning**  
Removing cells from a patient & treating them in a laboratory in order to produce stem cells which may be used to treat disorders, eg Alzheimer's disease.

**Surrogacy**  
A form of fertility treatment in which a woman's partner or an embryo from another couple is created through IVF & then implanted into the 'host' woman. The woman carries the baby throughout pregnancy & gives it to the other couple after birth.

**Therapeutic cloning**  
Another term for stem cell cloning.

**Blastocyst**  
Fertilised ovum at about 5-7days

**Disease**  
A sickness or illness

**Primitive streak**  
The appearance at 14days after conception of what will develop into the spine.

**Test tube baby**  
Term used for a baby created outside the woman's body.

**Zygote**  
A newly fertilised ovum.

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**2. The Use of Medical Technology**

Within this topic, candidates should show understanding of how the Christian views on the sanctity of life, correction of nature & intervention in the nature influence attitudes to the following: fertility & genetic treatments, cloning & the appropriateness of embryonic research, including the question of hybrid embryos. They should also consider who, if anyone should/should not have the right to such treatments & the implications for those involved in them & (where relevant) for resultant children.

**Fertility Treatments**
- Artificial insemination - by husband (AIH) of donor (DI/AID);
- In vitro fertilisation (IVF)
- Surrogacy (as an alternative to standard fertility treatments)

**Gene Therapy & Genetic Engineering**
- Saviour siblings,
- Somatic cell therapy,
- Designer babies,
- Cloning
- Reproductive cloning,
- Stem cell (therapeutic) cloning

**Key Quotes**

**Genesis 1:27/28** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number.'

**Genesis 2:24** That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

**1 Corinthians 10:23** "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is constructive.

**Exodus 21:22-25** "If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows.  
23 But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life,  
24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,  
25 burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise."
Matthew 22:39 "Love you neighbor as yourself".
Ruth 4:13 The Lord enabled her to conceive.
1 Samuel 1:6 Because the LORD had closed Hannah’s womb,
1 Samuel 1:20 So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, “Because I asked the LORD for him.’
Luke 1:44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

Different Christian Views

‘Fertility treatment should normally be given to women only during years when, under normal circumstances, they might conceive.’ C of E 1997
‘Artificial insemination is gravely immoral….infringes the child’s right to be born of a father and mother known to him and bound to each other by marriage….and it dissociates the sexual act from the procreative act.’ Catechism 2376
‘The Church of England encourages its members to think through issues themselves in the light of the Christian faith.’ C of E


Key Questions
The use of Medical Technology
a) Explain briefly what is meant by cloning? 2 marks
b) Explain why many Christians do not agree with reproductive cloning. 3 marks
c) Explain why many Christians support fertility treatment. 3 marks
d) “Christians should support any medical research that is aimed at healing people” What do you think? Explain your opinion. 3 marks

Gene Therapy & Genetic Engineering
Read the article below.
It’s a very happy day in one home today! There is an extra special birthday party for a little boy who is now two years old. Yet because he was born without an immune system, he was not expected to reach his first birthday.
a) How might genetic engineering save lives? 2 marks
b) "Christians should support any treatment that will save a life.” What do you think? Explain your opinion. 3 marks
c) Explain Christians attitudes to the issue of saviour siblings. 6 marks
3. Personal Responsibility

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<td>Chastity</td>
<td>Sexual purity. Not having sex before marriage.</td>
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<td>Contraception</td>
<td>The artificial &amp; chemical methods used to prevent pregnancy taking place.</td>
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<td>Heterosexual relationship</td>
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<td>Medically prescribed drugs</td>
<td>Drugs prescribed by a doctor as part of medical treatment.</td>
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<td>Social Drugs</td>
<td>Legal drugs which are still addictive, such as alcohol, nicotine, caffeine, etc.</td>
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<td>Celibacy</td>
<td>Not having sex. Decisions to remain unmarried or refrain from having sex religious reasons.</td>
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<td>Drug abuse</td>
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Hard drugs
Drugs which lead to dependency & cause severe harm to the body.

Non medical use of drugs
The taking of drugs for reasons other than because of medical needs.

Recreational Drugs
Drugs taken by people for fun.

Soft Drugs
Illegal drugs that are not believed by the users to lead to dependency or serious side effects.

Virgin
A person who has never had sexual intercourse.

3. Personal Responsibility
Within this topic, candidates should show understanding of how Christian views on what it means to be human & on the importance of commitment & responsibility influence attitudes & personal lifestyles in relation to sexual relationships & the use of drugs.

Sexual Relationships
Human sexuality & sexual relationships (heterosexual & homosexual)
Chastity & sexual relationships outside marriage, including adultery.
The legal age of consent for sexual intercourse.
Contraception

Drugs
Medically prescribed drugs
Socially accepted drugs, alcohol & tobacco
Illegal drugs
Reasons for taking legal & illegal drugs
The effects on those who take them & on others.

3. Personal responsibilities

Sexual Relationships

Genesis 2:24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

1 Thessalonians 4
It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control your own body[a] in a way that is holy and honorable, 5 not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; 6 and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. 7 For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

Galatians 5:22-24
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Exodus 20:14
Do not commit adultery.

Leviticus 20:13
If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable.

Romans 1:26-27
‘Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.’

1 Corinthians 6:9
‘Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders.’

Matthew 22: 37-39
Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.'

John 8:7/10/11

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." 10 Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" 11 "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

Different Christian views

Most Christians believe sex is for marriage and therefore believe in chastity before marriage. Eg Silver Ring Thing a Christian charity aimed at promoting chastity among Christian young people.

Most Christians believe that sex outside marriage when one or both partners is married is adultery and unacceptable.

Homosexual behaviour is sin because it is contrary to God's created order. AOG Pentecostal

Roman Catholic Church teaches that homosexual people are called to be celibate.

Church of England accepts practising homosexual people into the church.

Some Homosexual Christians accept their sexual orientation as a gift from God.

Roman Catholics are opposed to artificial contraception because they believe that love-making is about procreation as well as expressing love. They accept natural methods eg withdrawal.

Homosexual behaviour is sin because it is contrary to God's created order. AOG Pentecostal

Most Christians including the Church of England accept artificial contraception except emergency contraception as it shows a responsible attitude to family planning.

Most Christians are opposed to emergency contraception eg the morning after pill as they see it as early abortion and therefore the termination of a human life.

DRUGS

Although the Bible does not refer to most drugs and their use, it does contain many references which Christians use to inform their responses to drugs. It also contains specific references to alcohol.

Christian responses to all drugs are informed by views related to how they might HARM THE BODY and how they might AFFECT THE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND OTHERS.

Some Christians see socially accepted drugs in the same light as illegal drugs while others do not. MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCES IN THEIR RESPONSES.

1 Corinthians 3:16,17. Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

1 Thessalonians 5: 22 "Avoid every kind of evil."

Jesus Changes Water to Wine: John 2:3, 6-10. "...Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." ...Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

1 Timothy 5:23 'Do not drink water only, but take a little wine to help your digestion, since you are ill so often."

Romans 13:13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

Ephesians 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

John 8:36 Jesus said 'If the son sets you free, you will be really free.' What does it mean to be really free? People whose lives depend on the next shot of alcohol, nicotine or other drugs, face an imprisonment which is so frightening because it is unseen. Whilst Peter tells us to 'live as free people' the other side of the coin is that we must not use our freedom to cover up evil 1 Peter 2:16.

Matthew 22:39 "Love you neighbor as yourself".

Different Christian Views
“The use of drugs inflicts very grave damage on human health and life” Catechism 2291.

Smoking damages the body and causes the death of many people. Christians believe that it violates the temple of God - therefore it should not be done. A Church of England briefing stated that smoking, because it causes so much harm is “a denial of the goodness of created existence." Church of England briefing

Some Christians believe that it is acceptable to drink alcohol as long as it is in moderation. In the New Testament Jesus is sometimes seen drinking wine. Some Christians drink Communion Wine.

Some Methodists are teetotal because of the C19th Methodist Temperance Movement. Poverty and domestic violence were greatly exacerbated by drunkenness in the C19th and Methodists believed that encouraging teetotalism would improve people’s lives.

The Assemblies of God denomination encourage all Pentecostal Christians to abstain from alcohol: “We urge all believers to avoid the Satanic tool of alcohol which destroys lives, damns souls and blights society”.

Many Christians eg Salvation Army believe that those with drug related problems need help: Matthew 22.39 "Love your neighbour as yourself." Romans 14:21 “Do not do anything that causes a weak man to stumble”. Jesus said “I have not come to call respectable people but outcasts.” Mark 2: 17.

“The Christian’s faith teaches him to use all things, including his money, responsibly. He seeks to meet problems and stresses by following Christ’s teaching of living by his power. He loves his neighbor and therefore examines the probably effect of his behavior, his habits and his example upon his neighbor”. Methodist Church 1974.

Christian Response to those with drug problems eg Teen Challenge, St. Stephens Society, Salvation Army.

3. Personal Responsibilities

Key Questions

Read the statements below.
I saw you going away last weekend. He’s a married man!
So what? His wife will never know – he told her he was on a course in Spain - No harm done yet!
a) Explain briefly what is meant by adultery. 2 marks
b) Explain why Christians think that adultery is wrong. 3 marks
c) As long as they are not harming others, people should be free to do what they want’
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Christians arguments in your answers. 6 marks
d) What is a civil partnership? 2 marks
e) ‘Christians should not have homosexual relationships’
What do you think? Explain your opinion. 3 marks.
4. Social Responsibility

Adultery  Sex outside marriage where at least one of the couple is already married to someone else.

Civil Partnership  Legal registration & recognition of a same sex marriage.

Civil marriage  Non-religious marriage ceremony in a marriage registry office or Other licensed venue eg a hotel

Cohabitation  A couple living together & having a sexual relationship without being married to one another.

Colour  Relating to the colour of a person’s skin/ethnicity. Often used as a Reason for unfairly judging others & making uninformed opinions about them.

Disability  When a person has a mental or physical condition that limits movement or movement activities

Disability discrimination  Acting against someone on the grounds of physical or mental limitations.

Divorce  Legal ending of a marriage

Equality  That people should be given the same rights & opportunities regardless of sex, religion, race etc

Gender  Another word for a person’s sex i.e. male, female.

Gender discrimination  Acting against someone on the grounds of his/her sex.

Marital breakdown  When a husband & wife no longer get on with each other, leading to the end of the marriage by divorce or separation

Marriage  A legal union between a man & a woman

Morality  A system of ethics, about what is right or wrong

Prejudice  Unfairly judging someone before the facts are known. Holding Biased opinions about an individual or group

Race  A group of people with the same ethnic background

Racial  Discrimination against someone on the grounds of race
discrimination
Reconciliation When two people or groups of people who have disagreed or fought with each other make up.

Religious discrimination
Re-marriage When people who have been married before marry again
Annulment Declaration that a marriage is invalid
Family life The normal events, actions & relationships that take place within a Family
Minorities Groups of people who differ from the majority of others in terms of race, religion, language or opinion etc sometimes the victims of discrimination.

Racism Another term for radical prejudice

4) Social responsibility
Within this topic candidates should show understanding of how Christians views on the importance of commitment, responsibility, equality & justice influence attitudes to marriage & prejudice & discrimination.

Marriage Religious & civil marriage ceremonies,
The nature & purpose of, Alternatives to marriage, including cohabitation & civil partnerships,
Reasons for marital breakdown & support for those experiencing this,
Attitude to divorce & remarriage,
The importance of family & the elderly.

Prejudice & Discrimination
Causes of prejudice & discrimination,
Types of prejudice & discrimination, including colour, race, religion, gender & disability,
Christian responses to prejudice & discrimination, including the work of one well-known Christian.

4.Social Responsibility Key Quotes

Marriage
So God created man in His image….male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, ‘be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. 
Genesis 1:27/28
It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him. 
Genesis 2:18
For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one.’ 
Genesis 2:24
Each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. The husband should fulfil his marital duty to his wife and likewise the wife to her husband. In the same way, the husband’s body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. 
1 Corinthians 7: 2-4
Love is as strong as death. 
Song of Songs 8:6
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Two are better than one…. If one falls down his friend can pick him up….A cord of three strands is not easily broken.
Ephesians 5
Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

Different Christian Views
Marriage is a gift from God and provides the proper context for sexual relationships and the bringing up of children. 
Cof E
If you choose to get married in church, there is an added dimension-the assurance that God cares about your relationship and that his resources and strength are available to help you. Including God in your marriage doesn’t mean that you will avoid all the usual ups and downs, but you will know that you can look to God for help and guidance and that His love will sustain you. You will also have the support of the Christian Church family. 
C of E
Greek Orthodox Church is opposed to any recognition of a relationship outside marriage.
Catholic Church The sexual Act must take place exclusively within marriage.
Cof E Does not provide services of blessing for those who register a Civil Partnership.

Catholic Church does not recognise Civil Partnership.

Divorce
Malachi 2:16 'I hate divorce' says the Lord God.

Matthew 19:3 Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?” 4 “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ 5 6 and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” 7 “Why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?” 8 Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. 9 I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”

Mark 10:2-12 ‘Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her...’

1 Corinthians 7:10 To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. 11 But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife.

Different Christian Views

Catholic Church Divorce and remarriage are both wrong. Civil divorce cannot dissolve a marriage between 2 baptised people. Any remarriage is therefore adultery.

Catholic Church Annulment of the marriage can happen if one or both were forced into the marriage, or one or both never intended to have children, or where one refuses to show any love or care for the other.

C of E Although marriage is for life, sometimes marriages do fail and divorce is the lesser of 2 evils.

Divorce is acceptable in exceptional circumstances. A divorced person may marry again, but not all priests are happy to do this.

Methodist Church People are human and they make mistakes.

Christians should reflect the forgiveness of God and offer people the opportunity of finding fulfilment and happiness in a second marriage. A Methodist minister may feel unwilling to marry a divorced person. If this is the case, he/she will refer the couple to a minister who is willing to perform the ceremony.

The Family and Elderly

Psalm 127:3 ‘children are a reward from him.’

Exodus 20:12: ‘Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.’

Leviticus 19:32: ‘Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord’

Proverbs 23:22: ‘Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.’

Different Christian Views

Catholic Church Here one learns endurance and the joy of work...love, generous- even repeated forgiveness, and above all divine worship and prayer in the offering of ones life.

C of E 'The role of families is vitally important in caring for their members throughout their life cycle- in particular the nurturing of children, those with disabilities and the caring of older people as well as giving opportunities for companionship, security, joy and fun.'

Christian Response Exeter Community Family Trust ‘Strengthening and enriching marriage and family life.’

Prejudice and discrimination

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Luke 10 The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” 27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’ ... 28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii [10] and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may
d) What is cohabitation?

6 marks

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answers, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Christianity in your answer.

2 marks
e) Explain two reasons why a marriage might break down.  
4 marks

f) 'Marriage is out of date in today’s society'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for you answers, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Christianity in your answer.  
6 marks

g) Explain why some Christians might agree with divorce in some situations.  
6 marks

h) 'Divorced people should not be allowed to remarry in church'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view,  
6 marks

5. **Global Concerns**

Aid To help or assist people in need, usually by gifts or money. Most people think of this as donating to charities that provide help to the poor, particularly in the developing world.  
CAFOD Catholic Fund for Overseas Development - a private charity established by the Bishops of England & Wales to bring aid to less economically developed countries.  
Christian Aid A charity working on behalf of the British & Irish churches in combating poverty in the world; campaigns under the slogan 'we believe in death' have been caused by the human lifestyles.  

Conservation Looking after the environment & protecting animals.  

Conservation Projects Projects set up to protect the environment.  

Earth summits Meetings of international leaders aimed at reaching an agreement that will reduce environmental pollution & climate change.  

Emergency Aid Also known as short term aid. Help given to communities in a time of disaster or crisis, e.g. food during a famine, shelter after an earthquake.  

Environment A term used to refer to the planet on which we live & its resources.  

Environmental Conservation Looking after the natural resources of the planet by taking steps to protect them.  

Fair trade A method of trade in which the producer of the product receives a fair payment for his/her product e.g. fair trade bananas.  

Global concerns Things which affect the whole world & all of the people in it.  

Morality A system of ethics, about what is right or wrong.  

Natural habitats The places where species of plants or animals live in the world.  

Natural resources Resources that are part of the environment, e.g. water, minerals & which are used & often abused by humans.  

Pollution The contamination of something, especially the environment.  

Poverty Condition of being without money, food & other basic needs of life (being poor).  

Recycling Re-using materials, e.g. paper, plastic, in the interests of environmental conservation.  

Stewardship The idea that believers have duty to look after the environment on behalf of God.  

Trocaire 1) Irish word for mercy; 2) Charity established by the Irish Bishops to help alleviate poverty in the developing world.  

World poverty The idea that the majority of the world’s population actually live in conditions of extreme need or hardship.  

Acid rain Rain made acid by contamination through pollution in the atmosphere as the result of emissions from factories, vehicles, power-stations etc.  

Assisi Declarations Statements about the need to protect animals & the environment made on behalf of the different major religions, including Christianity.  

Biodegradable Able to be broken down by bacteria in the environment.  

Debt Owing something (usually money) to someone else.  

Deforestation The cutting down of large amounts of forest, usually because of business needs.  

Extinction When all members of a species have died out & that species will never exist on Earth again.  

Global warming The scientific concept that the world is getting warmer.  

Greenhouse effect The trapping of heat from the sun in the lower atmosphere, due to an increase in carbon dioxide, methane & other pollutants.  

Natural disasters Disasters caused by nature, e.g. earthquakes & volcanoes.  

Non-biodegradable Not able to be broken down by the environment.
Ozone layer A layer of ozone in the upper atmosphere that absorbs most of the Sun’s radiation; it is being destroyed by CFCs
Pesticides A substance (poison) used to destroy insects & pests that attack crops.
Short term aid Giving needy people emergency donations, eg, food in times of disaster, sometimes referred to as emergency aid.

5. Global Concerns
Within this topic, candidates should show understanding of how Christian views on the world as God’s creation, stewardship, justice & respect for life attitudes to the world & its inhabitants.

The Environment
Environmental problems, including pollution, destruction of the natural habitats, use & abuse of natural resources & climate change.
Individual, community, national & international responses, eg, recycling, conservation projects & earth summits.

World Poverty
Characteristics of Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDs) & causes of poverty
Emergency & long term aid
The work of one of the following voluntary aid agencies CAFOD, Christian Aid, Tearfund, Trocaire
Ways in which individuals might respond to those LEDss, eg. Fair trade, campaigning for justice.

Global Concerns

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<td>27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.</td>
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<td>28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”</td>
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<td>29 Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.</td>
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Psalm 104

1 The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it; the world, and all who live in it: Psalm 24
24 How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
25 There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small.
27 All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.
28 When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. Psalm 104

Different Christian views
The Bible says that God expects, even demands, that we be stewards of His creation. **Christians for environmental stewardship**

'To commit a crime against the natural world is a sin….To cause species to become extinct and to destroy the biological diversity of God’s creation…for humans to contaminate the earth’s waters, its land, its air, and its life with poisonous substances—these are sins.' **Bartholomew I, Orthodox Christian Leader, 1997**

It is not wrong to want to live better. What is wrong is a style of life which is presumed to be better when it is directed towards having rather than being and which wants to have more, not in order to be more but in order to spend life in enjoyment as an end in itself. **Pope John Paul II, 1991**

Environmental abuse is blasphemy. **Catholic and C of E Church**

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**Christian Response 'Operation Noah' campaign on climate change. ' Tearfund' In poorer countries: Environmental restoration projects, sustainability projects and training, government policy campaigns.**

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**World Poverty**

**Matthew 22:39** "Love you neighbor as yourself."

“There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, & brought the proceeds of what was sold & laid it at the apostles’ feet; & distribution was made to each as any had need” **ACTS 4:34-35**

And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have & distribute to the poor, & you will have treasure in heaven; & come, follow me” **LUKE18:22**

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**The sheep and the goats**

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 41 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothed you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ 40 The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ 41 Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ 44 They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick in prison, and did not help you?’ 45 He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ **Matthew 25**

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? **1 John 3**

Jesus said “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. **Luke 6:20**

17 Do not deprive the foreigner or the fatherless of justice, or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge. 18 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there. That is why I command you to do this. 19 When you are harvesting your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. 20 When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. 21 When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. **Deuteronomy 24**

6 “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free, and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? 8 …and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. **Isaiah 58**

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**The Rich man and Lazarus**

19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip
the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' 25 "But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.’ 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ 27 "He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ 29 "Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ 30 ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ 31 ‘He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Christian Response

Tearfund, Christian Relief and Development agency. Christian Aid, aims to expose the scandal of poverty and help…. Cafod, brings dignity, respect, equality and justice to the world’s poor. Trocaire, working for a just world. Fairtrade, non-profit making organization promoting fair-trade.

Global Concerns

Key Question

1) Explain briefly how voluntary aid agencies give emergency aid to Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs) 3 marks

2) Explain briefly how individual Christians might help those in Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs) 3 marks

3) “British Christians should help the poor in Britain before helping the poor in the Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs) Do you agree? Give for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. 6 marks

4) Traffic causes pollution, Give two other ways in which human actions are harming the environment 2 marks

5) “An individual Christian can do very little to protect the environment “ What do you think? Explain you opinion 3 marks

6) Explain briefly what is meant by emergency aid. 2 marks

7) “Aid should never be given to countries that are ruled unjustly” Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Christian arguments in your answer. 6 marks
# 6. Conflict

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<td>A form of punishment in which the criminal has to perform tasks useful to society, rather than going to prison.</td>
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<td>To put people off committing crimes.</td>
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<td><strong>Fine</strong></td>
<td>A form of punishment in which the offender pays a sum of money.</td>
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<td>When a person is put in jail for committing a crime.</td>
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<td><strong>Justice</strong></td>
<td>Bringing about what is right &amp; fair, according to the law or making up for a wrong that has been committed.</td>
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<td>The belief that it is unacceptable to take part in war &amp; any other form of violence.</td>
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<td>An absence of war &amp; conflict, which leads to happiness &amp; harmony.</td>
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<td><strong>Protection</strong></td>
<td>To stop the criminal hurting anyone in society, an aim of punishment.</td>
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<td><strong>Punishment</strong></td>
<td>That which is done to people because they have broken a law.</td>
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<td><strong>Reconciliation</strong></td>
<td>A sacrament in the Roman Catholic Church, When two people or groups of people who have disagreed fought with each other make up.</td>
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<td><strong>Anglican</strong></td>
<td>A member of the Church of England or the Churches worldwide that are linked to it.</td>
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<td><strong>Bible</strong></td>
<td>Sacred book of Christians containing both the Old &amp; New Testaments.</td>
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<td><strong>Christian</strong></td>
<td>Someone who believes in Jesus Christ &amp; follows the religion based on his teachings.</td>
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<td>The largest Protestant Church in England, which retains many Catholic features. It is sometimes referred to as the Anglican Church.</td>
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| **Commandment** | 1. A rule for living, given by God.  
2. One of the Ten Commandments  
3. Jesus said that the greatest commandments were love of God & of neighbour. |
| **Compassion** | A feeling of pity that makes one want to help. |
| **Denomination** | A distinct group within the Christian faith, with its own organisation & traditions. Some of the major Christian denominations in Britain & Ireland including the Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian & Anglican Churches. |
| **Disarmament** | When a country get rid of its weapons. |
| **Encyclical** | A papal letter on a specific subject addressed to lay Roman Catholics & the clergy |
| **Forgiveness** | Showing grace & mercy & pardoning people for what they have done wrong. |
| **Golden Rule** | Jesus ‘teaching to “treat others as you would wish to be treated”’. |
| **Jesus** | 1st century Jewish teacher & holy man, believed by Christians to be the Son of God. |
| **Life Imprisonment** | A prison sentence that (theoretically) keeps people in jail until they die. |
| **Methodist** | An evangelical Protestant Church. It began when John Wesley, & his followers, broke away from the Church of England in the 19th century. |
| **New Testament** | The books of the Bible concerning the life & teachings of Jesus & his Followers. |
| **Old Testament** | The books of the Bible, written in Hebrew & Aramaic, about the Jews. It speaks of God’s covenant relationship with his people. |
| **Offender** | Someone who has done wrong, e.g. broken the law. |
| **The Pope** | The head of the Roman Catholic Church. The Successor of Peter who was appointed to lead the Church of Jesus. |
| **Respect for life** | Treating life as having value. |
| **Roman Catholic** | The tradition within the Christian Church which is led by the Pope. Seven sacraments are celebrated. |
| **Secular** | Non religious |
| **Sin** | Behaviour which is against God’s laws & wishes/ against principles of Morality a thought, word or action which is wrong, which people know is wrong & which people freely choose. |
| **Unforgiving** | A refusal to forgive that be considered to be harsh or unfair. |

### 6. Conflict
Within this topic, candidates should show understanding of how Christian views on justice, forgiveness, reconciliation & peace influence attitudes to war & peace to crime & punishment.

#### War & Peace
- Causes of war
- The Just War theory
- Pacifism
- Terrorism
- Nuclear warfare & proliferation

#### Crime & Punishment
The causes of crime
Aims of punishment, including deterrence, protection, reformation & retribution, punishment & its impact on society & the individual, including fines, imprisonment, community service & the death penalty (capital punishment)

Conflict

**Key quotes**

**War and Peace**

“Do not take revenge on someone who wrongs you. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.”  
Matthew 5:39

When Jesus was arrested, he would not let his disciples use violence to prevent his arrest: ‘Put your sword back in its place,’ Jesus said to him, ‘for all who live by the sword will die by the sword.’ Enough of this! Stop it!”  
Luke 22:49-51

“Blessed are the peacemakers”  
Matthew 5:9

“Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”  
Matthew 5:44

“You shall not murder.”  

There is a time for killing, and a time for healing, a time for tearing down and a time for building up, a time for tearing and a time for mending, a time for love and the time for hate, a time for war, and a time for peace.”  
Ecclesiastes 3:2-8

“The lord your God will drive out those nations before you, little by little…..the Lord your God will deliver them over to you, no one will be able to stand up against you; you will destroy them.”  
Deuteronomy 7:22-24

“The Lord is a warrior.”  
Exodus 15:3

Jesus used anger and violence once…  
“Jesus entered the Temple Area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money-changes and the benches of those selling doves.”  
Mark 11:15

Jesus healed a Roman centurion’s servant  
Luke 7:1-10. This story shows a well-respected soldier being praised by Jesus for his faith. Jesus never told him he was wrong to be a soldier.  
To some Christians this means that it can sometimes be right to be violent when people are being cheated or treated unfairly.  
Matthew 10v34 “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.”  
Matthew 22:39 “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

**Different Christian Views**

As long as the danger of war persists….governments cannot be denied the right of lawful self defence, once all peace efforts have failed.  
Catechism

We do not support a decision to go to war without clear and convincing evidence of the need for us to defend ourselves against clear and imminent attack.  
Episcopal Church USA

Evaluate resort to war including proportionality, legal authority, discrimination between combatants and non combatants, just cause and probability of success.  
United Methodist Church

We utterly deny all outward wars and strife…the spirit of Christ will never move us to fight.  
Quaker Declaration.

The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it.  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Baptist Minister
Crime and Punishment

To a committed Christian there are many rules & laws which they feel bound to follow. Jesus set out these rules in the New Testament particularly in Matthew chapters 5 to 7. The Sermon on the Mount. There are many other New Testament references which emphasise love, forgiveness & compassion e.g. Romans Chapter 12 V.17. “If someone has done you wrong do not repay him with a wrong. Try to do what everyone considers to be good.

As well as the New Testament teachings in the Old Testament includes many laws which are of vital importance to our everyday lives. Probably the best known of these are the Ten Commandments which can be found in Exodus Chapter 20 verses 1 to 20. Are they important today? (1) You shall have no other Gods before me. (2) You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. (3) You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. (4) Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it Holy. (5) Honour your Father & your Mother. (6) You shall not murder. (7) You shall not commit adultery. (8) You shall not steal. (9) You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour. (10) You shall not covet your neighbour’s house.

Christians believe that the teachings of Jesus centred around forgiveness & compassion. Christians would say that when someone has done wrong, even when they have committed a crime, there has to be forgiveness. Over the Years there have been many Christians who have tried to help & support prisoners, criminals & their families. They are always reminded of their Christian duty when they pray the prayer that Jesus taught them. We know this as the Lord’s Prayer in Luke 11. They try hard to adhere to the verse which states “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” (The Lord’s Prayer) True Christians always strive to live by the “Golden Rule” which is found in Matthew 7 Verse 12. “In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you: this sums up the Law & the Prophets.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT Britain abolished capital punishment in 1970. There has been great discussion throughout the branches of Christianity as to whether or not this was the right thing to do. Most Christians believe that it is essential for the good of society to have a punishment system that is just, whilst upholding the teaching of Jesus which was that at all times we should love enemies & do good to those who harm us.

“He who strikes a man & kills him shall surely be put to death. EXODUS 21:12 If your enemy is hungry give him food to eat. If he is thirsty give him water to drink” PROVERBS 25:21 “Treat other as you would want them to treat you” MATTHEW 7:12 “Appoint judges & other officials in every town that the Lord your God gives you. Evil for evil. (ROMANS 12:17)” All who take up the sword will die by the sword” MATTHEW 26:25 "Judge not that ye be not judged" MATTHEW 7:1 We had much rather obey God than man.

ACTS 4:19

The Parable of the Lost Son. Luke 15

11 Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. 13 Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 17 When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 18 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ 19 So he got up and went to his father. ‘But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 20 The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ 21 But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. 22 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. 23 Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 24 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 25 ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ 26 ‘The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 27 But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 28 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ 29 “My son,” the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 30 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

Matthew 5:38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ 39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. 40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. 41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. 42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Matthew 7: “Do not judge, or you too will be judged.

Luke 19 Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus: he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. 5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.” 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

John 8 The woman caught in adultery

1 but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. 3 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group 4 and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 In the Law Moses
commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” 6 They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. 7 When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” 8 Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. 10 Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” 11 “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

Different Christian Views
A Catholic approach leads us to encourage models of restorative justice. Catholic Bishops of the US.
No-one is totally defined by their sins and failures, and the image of God in all human beings relates to potentiality as well as actuality. C of E
Teaching of the church does not exclude the death penalty. Catholic Church
Support death penalty. Southern Baptist US
Most Christians are against the death penalty.

Christian Response
Christian Police Association, Street Pastors, Prison Alpha, YMCA

Conflicts
Key Questions
1) What is pacifism? 2 marks
2) Explain two reasons why a country might become involved in a war 4 marks
3) Explain why some Christians are always opposed to war 6 marks
4) “Nuclear war is always wrong” 6 marks
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view, Refer to Christianity in your answer.
5) “Acts of terrorism can never be justified” 6 marks
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have thought about more than one point of view, Refer to Christianity in your answer.

AO2: Use evidence and reasoned argument to evaluate ethical issues.
To get 6 out of 6 you MUST...
- Passionately defend your opinion.
- Give at least 3 PEEs to back up your opinion.
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I absolutely agree/disagree that........use the statement in your introduction.
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AO2: **Use evidence** and reasoned argument to **evaluate ethical issues.**

In EVERY essay where you are asked about agreeing/disagreeing with a statement, you MUST...

- Strongly defend your opinion about the statement.
- Give at least 1 PEE to back up your opinion (with a Bible quote as evidence)
- Give at least 1 PEE to back up a different opinion (with a Bible quote as evidence)
- Write a final statement showing which opinion you think is the right one.

**By writing 8 sentences for each essay you will get a grade C.**

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| 4. Finally, explain exactly how your evidence backs up your point | 7. Finally, explain exactly how your evidence backs up your point |
| This means that all killing, including the death penalty is wrong and that Christians should never do it. | This means that sometimes it is ok to punish people with the death penalty if they have murdered someone themselves. |

8. Conclusion: Sum up what you think about the statement, trying to show passion for what you are agreeing/disagreeing with.

After looking at the arguments for and against the death penalty I still totally and completely agree that ‘Christians should never use the death penalty’ because it is breaking one of the 10 Commandments.

Your answer should always be carefully balanced with a clear conclusion that links directly back to the original statement.
Sanctity of Life.

Human life is sacred, special and holy as it is a gift from God and is made in God’s image. It should never be mistreated or destroyed.

God made man in his own image and so people are very important.

God made the World and everything in it. We should be good Stewards and look after it so that the next generation has more than we do.

Key Christian Beliefs

Jesus said the most important thing was to love God and to love your neighbour as yourself.

When a Christian has to make a moral decision they would think about:

- What is the most LOVING thing to do?
- What does the BIBLE say?
- What does the CHURCH say?
- What would JESUS have done?
- What does their CONSCIENCE say?

Jesus died on the cross so that human sin would be forgiven. Love & forgiveness are Key Christian beliefs.

Respect

VIP
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing you have thought about more than one point of view.

Success Criteria
To get an A* you MUST:
1. Passionately defend your opinion on the issue.
2. Give at least 3 evidenced reasons to back up your point of view.
3. Explain an alternative opinion to your own.
4. Give at least 3 evidenced reasons to back up that alternative view.
5. Use Christian teachings and Bible quotes to back up both points of view.
6. Conclude your essay with a final statement showing which point of view is the right one.

‘Christians should support any treatment that will save a life.’
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Christianity in your answer. (6 marks)

I totally agree that ‘Christians should support any treatment that will save a life,’ such as embryo research, therapeutic cloning and saviour siblings. Firstly, they should because Christians believe that… Secondly, they should because the Bible says…

HOWEVER…
Some people would say that ‘Christians should NOT support any treatment that will save a life.’
Firstly, they should not because Christians believe that… Secondly, they should not because the Bible says…
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