

GCSE RE: Relationships 100% Sheet

Supporting Catholic attitudes or Supporting Church of England attitudes

Key words

Adultery - voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who is not their spouse

Divorce - to legally end a marriage

Cohabitation - to live together in a sexual relationship, without being married, or in a civil partnership

Commitment - a sense of dedication and obligation to someone or something

Contraception - methods used to prevent a woman from becoming pregnant during or following sexual intercourse

Gender equality - people of all genders enjoying the same rights and opportunities in all aspects of their lives

Responsibilities - actions/duties you are expected to carry out

Roles - position, status or function of a person in society, as well as the characteristics and social behaviour expected of them.

Types of family

Nuclear family- both parents living with children

Extended family – family living with relatives or close by

Single parent family – one parent living with children

Re-constituted family – marriage after a previous one creating step brothers and step sisters

Same sex family- two parents of the same sex living with children

Interfaith relationships

Marriage: CoE – acceptable “We are all one in Christ”. Catholic: not acceptable to marry someone of another faith though can marry someone of no faith. “The only way to the father is through me” Jesus

Community: The Corymeela Community in Northern Ireland sets and example for Christians to follow through interfaith dialogue and support of building relationships

Roles of men and women in family life

CoE: equal, flexible

“We are all one in Christ”

Catholic: equal but different

“Wives, submit to your husbands”

Eve was created as a helper for Adam

Marriage & Divorce

Purpose of marriage = Sacred, Procreation, Exclusive, Love, Lifelong
Teachings

“What God has joined let no one separate”

“Two become one flesh”

“God blessed them and said go forth and multiply”

“Till death do us part” – vow

Divorce: Catholic – never it is a sacrament that cannot be broken, CoE -sometimes e.g. adultery, abuse Jesus - “anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery

Annulment: Catholics may dissolve the marriage like it never happened if no sex, not sound of mind etc.

Sexual relationships

Thomas Aquinas’ Precepts = Worship God, Ordered Society, Reproduction, Learning and education of children, protect the innocent

Teachings – apply to all topics

“Your body is a temple of the holy spirit”

“Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does a woman”

God blessed the relationship of Adam and Eve

“love your neighbour”

“image of God”

Same sex relationships: CoE – accept, Catholic - accept but no sex

Men and women religious roles

Catholic – only men are priests

“I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man”

Jesus was male and the Priest represents Jesus – all chosen apostles were male

CoE – have recently allowed women Bishops.

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Applying knowledge

A = 2 marks

Define a key word or concept

B = 5 marks

Three separate points explaining different views or ideas using teachings/wisdom

OR

Three coherent points to show idea/belief then teaching/source of wisdom then impact on life (could be individual, community or society)

Example questions:

Why might there be differences of belief about divorce within the same religion?

With reference to one religion you have studied, explain views about same sex relationships.

Tip: Read the question carefully to decide if you need to write three separate or coherent points!

C = 8 marks

Two different Christian attitudes/views about one issue

Each view should contain two teachings/sources with explanation and impact on individual, community or society

Example questions:

From two different religions or two religious traditions, explain attitudes to same sex relationships.

From two different religions or two religious traditions, explain beliefs about the roles of men and women in family life.

Tip: You should always include what we have learnt about Catholic AND Church of England attitudes.

Tip: Do not mix Catholic and Church of England views in one paragraph – make them separate!

D = 15 marks

'Many.....(Christians/people) would agree with this because.....'

Furthermore, they might also say that.....(expanded or different viewpoint)

These arguments are valid/weak/strong/make sense because.....(formulating judgements)

On the other hand/however (alternative or opposing views) some.....might disagree because.....

In addition they could argue that.....(expanded or different view)

These arguments are valid/weak/strong/make sense because.....
(formulating judgements)

Conclusion...The most convincing argument is.,.

Tip: This writing frame is NOT essential as long as you have written lot of views and evaluated them. For higher marks you should be discussing lots of ideas!

Tip: Read the question carefully because you will be able to apply everything you have learnt from a topic in some way!