

# 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.”