

Key Concepts

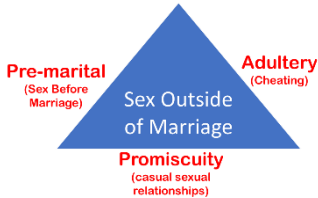


Adultery	Sexual intercourse with someone other than your married partner.
Divorce	To legally end a marriage.
Cohabitation	To live together in a sexual relationship without being married.
Commitment	A sense of dedication and obligation to something or someone. Eg. Wedding vows.
Contraception	Methods used to prevent a woman from getting pregnant during sexual intercourse. Eg. Condom.
Gender Equality	People of all genders enjoying the same rights and opportunities. Eg. Equal pay.
Responsibilities	Duties and actions you are expected to carry out. Eg. Looking after your family.
Roles	The status or position of a person in society. Eg. Housewife/priest.

Sex Outside of Marriage

**Christianity** Sex a gift from God for procreation. Sex outside of marriage is wrong. Marriage – best commitment  
*‘Your body is a temple of a holy spirit’ – respect body*  
*‘free from sexual immorality’*  
*Catholic see it as a ‘grave sin’*  
*‘Thou shall not commit adultery’*  
*‘One flesh’ – husband and wife*  
Practice chastity #truelovewaits

**Islam** Sex a gift from Allah – worship but only in marriage, sex outside if forbidden. Sex = procreation.  
*“it is a evil way”*  
*‘lash each one of them with a 100 lashes’*  
*‘women of purity are for men of purity’ – respect body, save it*  
Chastity



Contraception

**Christianity: Catholic** artificial is wrong, only natural methods. Prevents life, sex = procreation. Only God decide when life is to be created. Only method – rhythm/withdrawal.  
**Aquinas NATURAL LAW THEORY** – natural body created to procreate by God, his plan – therefore altering this is wrong.  
**Islam:** Most accept. PM knew + approved. Some against – life sacred gift. Only used in marriage.

The Family

Family types: Nuclear, extended, reconstituted, single-parent, same-sex.

Important for stability, religious upbringing, support, care, teaching, shelter and identity. Look after elderly and nurture the young.

**Christianity:** God created families Adam + Eve ‘be fruitful and multiply’.

Nuclear family, Gods plan for caring for people.

‘Honour your mother and father’ (10 Commandments)

Spreading and teaching of the morals and values ‘tell it to your children’

**Islam:** Extended, nurturing community.

The Ummah – Muslim brotherhood.

PM had a family.

Judged by how you care and look after family.

‘God supports anyone who supports his brother.’ The PM



**Cohabitation:** **Christianity : Catholics** against, tempt to have sex – wrong outside of marriage. Some **Protestant** accept – accepted in modern life. Still committed, should be married before family. **Muslims:** Forbidden, temptation, sex outside of marriage.

Gender Roles

Traditional roles: men - ‘breadwinner, work, authority. Women – ‘home, carer, housewife.’  
World wars – women had to take jobs of men. 1918 – vote, 1967 – contraception, 1970 Equal pay act.

ISSUES OF RELATIONSHIPS

C: Marriage



Gift from God  
Best form of commitment  
Procreation  
Stable environment for children  
What God wanted  
Jesus taught it was important for people to become ‘one flesh’

**Sacrament – sacred, ritual, holy, blessed by God.**

Special promises to each other and to God.

*‘what God has joined together let no man separate’ Jesus*

C: Wedding Ceremony

Married in Church with God’s presence and blessing.

Vows – promises, beliefs about importance of marriage ‘death do us part’

Exchange or rings – symbolises eternity, commitment, exclusivity, sacrament.

Prayers/blessings , Hymns - worship

Priest sermon

Christianity

**Traditional Protestant:** Equal but different roles, traditional roles. Women should not take authority in religion. Only men should be Church leader and teacher.  
*Women should ‘learn by being quiet’ ‘should keep silent in the churches.’*

**Catholic:** Equal but different roles. Women can give out bread at communion – not bless it. Only men can become priests. Priest should represent Jesus – a man. *‘I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet.’*

**Modern Protestant:** Women priests and bishops 2015. Equal, created at same time. Jesus treated women equally, showed women first after resurrection. ‘All Gods children’ ‘Gods image’

Islam

Traditional role, equal but different roles.

*‘Man is the guardian of his family... woman is the guardian of her husband’s home’*

But *‘woman is closest to Gods face if she is found in the core of her house... the prayer of a woman in the house is better than her prayer in the Mosque.’*

Adam and Eve made from the same soul.PM taught women are important *‘paradise lies at the feet of your mother’.*

Very rare for women to be Imams. If lead often just to a woman congregation. 2010 Raheel Raza became first British born woman to lead mixed gender prayers – *‘all people are equal as teeth of a comb’*

I: Marriage 	I: Wedding Ceremony
Gift from Allah – duty	Dowry – payment groom to wife - stability
Some arranged marriage Forced – forbidden	Nikah – marriage contract – agreed terms and conditions
Polygamy – up to 4 wives (illegal in the UK.)	Before witnesses - public
Strengthens the Ummah	Signing the Nikah – most important part, promises
PM was married and a loving husband	Vows – show responsibilities of marriage
<i>‘we made you in pairs’</i>	Readings Qur’an - marriage blessed by Allah

Christianity

Catholic + Traditional Protestant

Homosexuality is not a sin but acting on it (sex/marriage) is. Marriage for men and women to procreate.  
Should live a life of chastity.  
*‘if a man lies with a man the way he would a women, it is a abomination’*  
Bible teaches it is wrong.  
*‘law is made for the lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and the sinful... for those who kill their mother and fathers... for those practicing homosexuality.’*

Same – sex marriage:  
legal since: 2014  
Places of worship are  
NOT forced to allow it.



Liberal Protestant

Accept + allow gay marriage  
*‘All one in Christ’*  
*‘love your neighbour’*  
Bible teachings not relevant out of date *‘don’t eat shrimp’*  
Created by God that way.  
Can still be in love, committed to each other.

Islam

Most Muslims

Grave sin  
*‘Kill the one that is doing it and also the one it is being done to’*  
*‘transgressing people’ = wrong path*  
Marriage – man + woman to have children.  
Homosexuals cannot naturally procreate, challenges family

Some Muslims

Think these teachings don’t apply to modern society, created this way. Qur’an is focused on lust not homosexual love.



Divorce + Remarriage



Christianity	Islam
<b>Catholic</b> Do not allow divorce or remarriage after divorce (remarriage – adultery) Jesus said it was wrong <i>‘anyone who divorce his wife and marries another commits adultery’</i> <i>‘One flesh’</i> Marriage = sacrament <i>‘Till death us do part’</i> Only allows annulment – prove the marriage was not official in first place  <b>Protestant – LAST RESORT</b> Divorce acceptable in SOME circumstances eg. Abuse/neglect/adultery God forgives sin Jesus allowed divorce for adultery Most loving/compassionate thing to do in some circumstances	Divorce is allowed but hated by Allah  <i>‘Of all the things which have been permitted, divorce is the most hated by Allah’</i>  They also accept remarriage  But <i>‘we created you in pairs’</i> – MUST BE A LAST RESORT  Iddah – period of waiting to allow reflection + reconciliation  Weakens Ummah, PM did not divorce  Legal contract can be ended – Nikah  If marriage is not working <i>‘no blame on either of them’</i>

## Practice Exam Questions:

Issues of Relationships	
<u>Topic</u>	<u>Question</u>
Families	(b) Describe ways in which families are important in a faith community. [5]
Role of Men & Women	(b) Describe the role of women in a faith community. [5]
Role of Men and Women	(c) From two different religions or two religious traditions, explain attitudes toward the roles of men and women in authority. [8]
Cohabitation	(c) From two different religions or two religious traditions, explain attitudes to cohabitation. [8]
Purpose of Marriage	(d) 'Marriage is out of date' Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer). [15]
Purpose of Marriage	(b) Describe why marriage is important in a faith community. [5]
Divorce, Separation & Re-marriage	(c) From two different religions or two religious traditions, explain attitudes to divorce. [8]
Sex Outside of Marriage	(d) 'Sex outside of marriage is acceptable today' Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer). [15]
Contraception	(c) From two different religions or two religious traditions, explain views about contraception. [8]
Adultery	(c) From two different religions or two religious traditions, explain attitudes to adultery. [8]
Same Sex Relationships	(d) 'Same Sex Relationships are wrong' Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer). [15]