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GCSE

ETHICS, PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

PAPER 2A

THEMATIC STUDIES

RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES

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THEME	Relationships and families Christianity and Buddhism	Notes Confidence Level 1-10
Christian and Buddhist teachings about human sexuality	Understand religious teachings about sexuality and the meaning of homosexual and heterosexual relationships. Consider contemporary attitudes British attitudes towards these relationships.	
Sexual relationships before and outside of marriage	Understand religious beliefs and teachings about sexual relationships before and outside marriage.	
Contraception and family planning	Examine different types of contraception and understand religious attitudes to family planning and the use of contraception.	
Christian and Buddhist teachings about marriage	Consider religious understanding of the nature and purpose of marriage and explore religious and non-religious responses to same sex marriage and cohabitation.	

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Divorce and remarriage	Explore different reasons for divorce in Britain today. Understand religious teachings about divorce and remarriage. Consider ethical arguments related to divorce, including those based on the sanctity of marriage vows and compassion.	
Religious teachings about the nature of families in the 21st Century	Understand religious teachings and beliefs about the nature of families and the role of parents, including the issues of polygamy and same sex parents.	
Religious teachings about the purpose of families in the 21st Century	Explore the purpose of marriage in the 21st Century. Understand religious beliefs and teachings about the purpose of families including procreation, stability, the protection of children and educating children in a faith.	
Religious attitudes to gender equality	Understand religious beliefs about the roles of men and women, gender equality, gender prejudice and discrimination. Consider examples of gender prejudice and discrimination in contemporary British society.	

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Theme	**Religion, crime and punishment** **Christianity and Buddhism**	**Notes** **Confidence Level 1-10**

Crime and punishment	Know the definitions of crime and punishment. Understand the legal position regarding crime and punishment. Understand concepts of good and evil intentions and actions.	
Reasons for crime	Know and understand reasons why some people commit crime.	
Christian and Buddhist attitudes to lawbreakers and different types of crime	Understand religious attitudes to lawbreakers and different types of crimes.	

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Three aims of punishment	Know and understand the three main aims of punishment. Understand religious attitudes to the three main aims of punishment.	
Christian and Buddhist attitudes to suffering and causing suffering to others	Know and understand religious attitudes to suffering. Understand what Christians and Buddhists should do if they cause suffering.	
Religious attitudes to the treatment of criminals- Prison Corporal Punishment Community Service	Know and understand the three forms of punishment. Consider ways in which criminals are treated and religious beliefs and attitudes to their treatment.	

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Christian and Buddhist attitudes to forgiveness	Understand religious teachings and attitudes about forgiveness. Consider a case study related to forgiveness.	
Christian attitudes to the death penalty	Know and understand the arguments for and against the death penalty. Understand ethical arguments related to the death penalty, including those based on the principle of utility and sanctity of life. Understand the different Christian attitudes to the death penalty.	

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Theme	**Religion and Life** **Christianity and Buddhism**	**Notes** **Confidence Level 1-10**
The Origins of the universe	Explore Christian beliefs about the origin of the universe. Understand the Big Bang Theory	
The value of the world	Understand Christian and Buddhist beliefs about the value of the world and the duty of human beings to protect it.	
The use and abuse of the environment	Understand Christian and Buddhist beliefs about the use and abuse of the environment. Know about different types of energy and resources, including renewable energy and natural resources.	
Pollution	Explore the problems caused by different types of pollution. Understand religious responses to the issue of pollution.	
The use and abuse of animals	Understand Christian and Buddhist beliefs about the use and abuse of animals.	

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	Explain Christian attitudes towards animal experimentation and the use of animals for food.	
The origins of human life	Understand religious beliefs about the origins of human life. Explore the relationship between evolution and creation.	
Abortion	Understand Christian and Buddhist beliefs about abortion. Understand the legal position in Britain today regarding abortion. Explore arguments for and against abortion.	
Euthanasia	Understand the different types of euthanasia. Understand Christian and Buddhist beliefs about euthanasia.	
Death and the afterlife	Understand Christian and Buddhist beliefs about death and an afterlife.	

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Theme	**Religion, peace and conflict** **Christianity and Buddhism**	**Notes** **Confidence Level 1-10**
Introduction to religion, peace and conflict	Understand war as a way of resolving differences. Explain the key concepts of peace, justice, forgiveness and reconciliation.	
Violent protest and terrorism	Understand UK law regarding protesting. Understand terrorism as a means of conflict. Understand Christian and Buddhist beliefs about violent protest and terrorism.	
Reasons for war	Understand why wars are fought. Understand Christian and Buddhist attitudes towards the reasons for war.	
Nuclear War and weapons of mass destruction	Know about different weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons.	

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	Understand the possible implications of using nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction, and consider whether the use of such weapons is justified.	
The just war	Understand the just war theory. Apply the just war theory to a specific war.	
Holy war and religion as a cause of war	Understand the features of a Holy War. Consider whether religion is a cause of war and violence. Understand Christian and Buddhist approaches to war and violence.	
Pacifism and peace making	Consider pacifism as an alternative to conflict. Understand why some Christians are pacifists. Know about the work of a Christian pacifist organisation and a Christian peacemaker.	
Religious responses to victims of war	Understand what can be done to help victims of war. Understand the work of a present-day Christian organisation that helps victims of war.	