

# The exam

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm.
- **Four sections** – Marriage and Family, Belief in God, Matters of Life and Death and Religion and Community Cohesion.
- Each section has **TWO** questions divided into **four** parts.
- You choose **ONE** question and answer **ALL** the parts of that question.

## (a) Questions – 2 marks

- Remember....
- FULL CORRECT DEFINITION – 2 marks
- PARTLY CORRECT DEFINITION – 1 mark

# Section One

- **PROCREATION**
- Making a new life
- **COHABITATION**
- Living together without being married

# Section Two

- **FREE WILL**

- The idea that humans are free to make their own choices

- **OMNISCIENT**

- The belief that God knows everything that has happened and everything that is going to happen

# Section Three

- **SANCTITY OF LIFE**
- The belief that life is holy and belongs to God
- **IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL**
- The idea that the soul lives on after the death of the body

# Section Four

- **DISCRIMINATION**

- Treating someone less favourably because of their gender, colour, sexuality etc.

- **ETHNIC MINORITY**

- A member of an ethnic group or race which is much smaller than the majority group.

## (b) Questions – 4 marks

- Remember to explain your opinion like this....
- POINT – 1 mark
- EXAMPLE which could be quote or explanation – 1 mark
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# Section One

- *Do you think sex outside marriage is wrong?*
- P – No because sex is a good way of showing love
- E – Some Protestant Christians agree as long as you are in a relationship
- P – Yes because the couple might have a baby and not be married
- E – Many Christians say this is wrong because the baby won't have a stable homelife

# Section Two

- *Do you think films or programmes about religion can affect a person's beliefs about God?*
- P – Yes because Father Ted shows priests to be stupid
- E – Father Dougal is dim and Father Jack drinks and swears and this would put someone off religion
- P – No because the Vicar of Dibley helps people
- E – In one episode she helps Alice and this might encourage someone to be religious and help others

# Section Three

- *Do you think euthanasia should be allowed?*
- P – No because the job of a doctor is to cure patients, not kill them
- E – Would you be able to trust a doctor's advice if you knew he agreed with euthanasia, he might want to kill you?
- P – Yes because people are allowed to commit suicide and euthanasia is no different
- E – Some doctors are already allowed to switch off life support machines like in the case of Tony Bland, so it already happens

# Section Four

- *Do you think men and women should have equal roles in life?*
- P – Yes because women – and men – have fought for this to happen like the Suffragettes.
- E – Women can now vote in elections and receive the same pay as men and that's a good thing
- P – No because men and women are better suited to do different things in life.
- E – The Qur'an says that men should support women because they are stronger, and women were created to have children and provide for them.

## (c) Questions – 8 marks

- Remember to give your answer like this....
- Point and Example – 2 marks
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- Your example could also be a quote or an explanation.

# Section One

- *Explain why attitudes to divorce and marriage have changed.*
- (P) HOW – most people now have sex b4 marriage
- (E) WHY – better contraception so less chance of babies
- (P) HOW – divorce is not looked down on any more and is more common
- (E) WHY – changes to the law made divorce easier and cheaper; women won't accept poor treatment from men any more
- (P) HOW – single parent families are more common these days
- (E) WHY – there isn't a stigma about unmarried or single parent families any more and is a by product of sex outside marriage
- (P) HOW – homosexual couples can now have a civil partnership
- (E) WHY – changes in the law have made it easier to be openly homosexual, as has media coverage of gay celebrities

# Section Two

- ***Explain*** why religious experience may lead some people to believe in God.
- TYPE – Prayer (communication with God)
- WHY – You are likely to believe if you feel as if someone is listening. An answered prayer would lead to belief.
- TYPE – Miracle (an event that breaks the laws of science and can only be explained by God)
- WHY – If a miracle happens you want an explanation. If God is the only logical explanation then you would start to believe.
- TYPE – Conversion (an experience so great it leaves the person wanting to change their life)
- WHY – The experience leaves the believer feeling God is calling them to do something which would support or start a belief in God
- TYPE – Near-death experience (an experience of the afterlife while close to death)
- WHY – If someone sees a glimpse of the afterlife this may lead to a belief in God as the two are often connected

# Section Three

- *Explain why some Muslims agree with abortion and some do not.*
- DO – allow it up to 120 days if the mother has health probs or the baby has health probs
- WHY – the foetus does not get a soul (they believe) until 120 days
- DO – also allow it if effect of having baby on the family would be a negative one
- WHY – mothers life always comes first and family is very important in Islam
- DON'T – some say abortion should never be allowed
- WHY – life begins at conception so abortion is the same as murder
- DON'T – some say abortion can be allowed if mothers life is at risk but for no other reason
- WHY – the death of the foetus is a lesser evil than the death of the mother

# Section Four

- ***Explain** how the Government is working to promote community cohesion in the UK*
- HOW – Race Relations Act
- HELP – makes it unlawful to discriminate because of race, colour, nationality etc
- HOW – Crime and Disorder Act
- HELP – allows more severe sentences for people involved in racial or hate crimes
- HOW – Racial and Religious Hatred Act
- HELP – it is an offence to use threatening words or behaviour about religious beliefs
- HOW – Community Cohesion has to be taught in schools by law
- HELP – students learn about differences between groups and how to respect them

## (d) Questions – 6 marks

- Remember to answer like this....
- AGREE – reason – 1 mark
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- AGREE – reason – 1 mark
- DISAGREE – reason – 1 mark
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# Section One

- *“Religious people should not use contraceptives”*
- A: Sex is for procreation
- A: Encourages sex outside of marriage
- A: Adultery is forbidden by Allah and in Ten C
- D: Sex is also for pleasure, to strengthen love
- D: Protects against STI's and AIDS
- D: Bible doesn't say you can't – isn't mentioned

# Section Two

- *“There is no evidence that God exists”*
- A: Evil and suffering proves no God
- A: Science can disprove religion (eg creation)
- A: If God exists, where is he?
- D: Story of Adam and Eve/Original Sin explains why evil is in the world
- D: Science can't explain everything (where did the speck of matter come from?)
- D: If God is omnipotent and omniscient then surely he is a force rather than a physical being, hence why we can't see him!

# Section Three

- *“There is no evidence for life after death”*
- A: Evidence from Holy Books contradicts each other.
- A: Evidence from near death experiences has been challenged by scientists
- A: The mind cannot live without the brain so when the body dies, so does the mind. How can a soul survive without a body?
- D: Christians say Jesus rising from the dead proves there is life after death
- D: The Bible says there is life after death (St Paul)
- D: People who have had near death experiences prove that there is life after death

# Section Four

- *“All societies should be multi-faith societies”*
- A: People can learn about other religions and see what they have in common
- A: This might make people think more about their own beliefs and be a better person
- A: People are likely to be more understanding and respectful
- D: Conversion – what if one religion wants to convert the others?
- D: Interfaith marriages – what if two people of different religions fall in love?
- D: Bringing up children – what if parents from different religions each want to bring up their children in their religion?