The ESSENTIAL, EXCELLENT, UNIT EIGHT revision guide...

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WHAT’S HE GOING TO BE WHEN HE PASSES ALL HIS EXAMS?

A PENSIONER!

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### Unit 1: Environmental and Medical Issues

**Topic you need to revise are ...**

| Environmental Issues | Global warming — its causes and possible solutions.  
|                      | Forms of pollution and their possible solutions & scarcity of resources  
|                      | Christian & Muslim teachings on stewardship and its effects on Christian/Muslim attitudes to the environment.  
| Infertility treatments | The nature and importance of medical treatments for infertility.  
|                      | Different attitudes to infertility treatments among Christians & Muslim and the reasons for them.  
| Transplant surgery | The nature and importance of transplant surgery.  
|                      | Different attitudes to transplant surgery among Christians & Muslims and the reasons for them.  

## Key Words

- **Global Warming**: The increase the temperature of the Earth’s atmosphere.
- **Natural Resources**: Naturally occurring materials which can be utilised by humans.
- **Creation**: The act of creating the universe, or the universe which has been created.
- **Environment**: The surroundings on which plants and animals live and on which they depend to continue living.
- **Stewardship**: Looking after something on behalf of another so that it can be passed back or on to the next generation of stewards.
- **Conservation**: Protecting and preserving natural resources and the environment.
- **Artificial Insemination**: Injecting semen into the uterus (womb) by artificial methods.
- **Embryo**: A fertilised egg in the first eight weeks after conception.
- **Infertility**: Not being able to have children.
- **In-vitro Fertilisation (IVF)**: The method of fertilising an egg in a test tube.
- **Surrogacy**: An arrangement where a woman bears a child for another woman.
- **Organ Donation**: Giving organs to be used in transplant surgery.
GLOBAL WARMING= the increase in the temperature of the earth’s atmosphere (thought to be caused by the greenhouse effect)

It could be a problem because it could cause:

- Ice caps melt
  - Coastal areas flood
  - Loss of habitat
- Hurricanes & other severe weather changes
  - Loss of habitat
  - Death & damage
- Drought
  - Loss of agricultural land

Possible solutions could be:
1. Alternative power sources that do not produce carbon dioxide e.g. wind/sun/water power
2. Use less petrol - less journeys/biofuel cars/ use buses/ ride bike
3. Recycling
4. Stop littering
5. More organic farming
6. Nuclear reprocessing & geological storage

Government action - KYOTO PROTOCOL & Alternative technology/science

- In 2005, 55 leading countries (but not China, India & USA) pledged to cut greenhouse gas emissions
- By 2020, the government aims for 20% of the UK’s electricity needs to come from renewable energy sources, including wind, tidal and solar power.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Looking after something so it can be passed on to the next generation

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<td>2. <strong>JESUS</strong> taught that we have a responsibility to ensure a fair sharing of the earth’s resources in his parables</td>
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<td>4. The bible teaches that a good man leaves an inheritance for his children’s children so the world needs protection for future</td>
<td>4. The Hadith says to &quot;Live in the world as if you are going to live forever&quot; so the world needs protection for future generations</td>
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**Infertility treatments...**

Infertility treatments are important because ...

1. Infertility is a **BIG PROBLEM** in Western society today
2. The **NUMBER OF BIRTHS FROM FERTILITY TREATMENTS** (12%) in the UK show how important this medical intervention is
3. **PART OF HUMAN NATURE** to have children and how species survives
4. **PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS** are caused if couples are desperate to have children but can’t

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<td>One of the <strong>PURPOSES OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE</strong> is to have a family</td>
<td><strong>INFERTILITY IS A DISEASE</strong> - it’s okay to find a cure</td>
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<td><strong>JESUS HEALED PEOPLE</strong> it is not wrong to try to heal people of their infertility so couples can experience the joy of children</td>
<td><strong>Childbirth and child-rearing is IMPORTANT TO THE MUSLIM FAMILY</strong></td>
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<td>It follows the Golden Rule as <strong>AN ACT OF LOVE</strong></td>
<td>The <strong>social status of a Muslim woman</strong> is closely related to her ability to have a child</td>
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There are different treatments available:

- **ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION**
  - (husband - AIH/ donor - AID)
- **IN-VITRO FERTILISATION**
  - (IVF) the method of fertilising a human egg in a test tube
- **SURROGACY**
  - an arrangement whereby a woman bears a child on behalf of another woman
  - OR where an egg is donated and fertilised by the husband through IVF and then implanted into the wife’s uterus

While the **BIBLE** & the **QUR’AN** suggests that **CHILDLESSNESS IS GOD’S INTENTION**

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<td>1. It is simply <strong>USING MEDICINE TO HELP</strong> married couples have their expected families</td>
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<td>2. The child is the couples <strong>BIOLOGICAL OFFSPRING</strong></td>
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<td>3. Discarded embryo’s are <strong>NOT FOETUSES</strong> so can be justified</td>
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**BUT:** **CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS** disagree with **ALL** fertility treatment involving medical research because ...

1. God intended children to be created through the **NATURAL ACT OF SEX** between a husband and wife only
2. **NO ONE HAS THE ‘RIGHT’** to have children - God has a plan for everyone
3. **MASTURBATION IS A SIN** and this is required for many infertility treatments

**IVF** involves fertilising several eggs, so **LIFE HAS BEGUN** but spare embryos are discarded or experimented on

**BUT:** **Many Muslims** disagree with **Donation & Surrogacy** because ...

1. The **QUR’AN** suggests that people should **ACCEPT THE WILL OF ALLAH**
2. Treatments that involve donor eggs or sperm are seen as **MECHANICAL ADULTERY**
3. Egg and sperm donation is similar to **ADOPTION, WHICH IS ALSO BANNED**
The children will not know their natural parents, which is an essential right in Islam.

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Transplant Surgery...

Organ donation - giving organs to be used in transplant surgery

While you're alive (single kidney/bone marrow etc)
Usually only friends and family offer to see if they are a match
OR more commonly any organ after sudden death
Anyone who matches and carries a donor card or family consent

Reasons to support transplant surgery include...

- Organ donation makes use of organs which would otherwise be wasted
- Effective, proven way to cure & save estimated 4000 people every year
- People can help others (even after their death) - 8% increase in number of people needing transplants every year
- It gives tremendous relief to those who receive the organs and their families
- Gives people a second chance and increases the time they have left to live

However some argue that is wrong because

- Everyone dies anyway.
- Risk to living donors by donating & patient's body could reject the organ.
- Difficult to define death - need to remove organs quickly.
- Upsetting for living relatives.
- Transplant operations are very expensive and take resources away from other equally needy patients.
- Donor organs are scarce - may lead to a black market for organs.
- How do we decide who gets the transplant?

Religious reasons include

- Wrong to use someone else's organs (unnatural) - Taking the place of God in deciding life & death - 'playing God'.
- Some Muslims believe you cannot enter heaven if you are not "whole".

Many Christians AGREE
1. Christians claim it is a loving and charitable thing to do
2. Christians claim the body will not be needed in heaven
3. Christians claim it shows gratitude for God's gift of life

Some Christians DISAGREE
1. People should not 'play God'.
2. The organs are an essential part of an individual.
   Transplant surgery is interfering with God's plans for each individual

Many Muslims AGREE
1. Some Muslims claim that the Qur'an teaches that saving the life of another human being is what Allah wants.
2. Some Muslim lawyers say it is permissible.

Some Muslims DISAGREE
1. The Qur'an teaches that the body should not be interfered with after death.
2. Eventually the body will be resurrected and therefore all the organs will be needed.
3. Only Allah has the right to give life.
and take it away
# Unit 2: Peace and Conflict

## Topic you need to revise are ...

| Issues of War & Peace | The United Nations and world peace, including one example of the UN’s work for peace.  
How religious organisations try to promote world peace.  
Why wars occur, using examples from current conflicts.  
The nature and the importance of the theory of just war.  
Differences among Christians & Muslims in their attitudes to war and the reasons for them. |
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| Religion & Bullying | Christian & Muslim attitudes to bullying and the reasons for them.  
Religious conflicts within families |
| Conflict & reconciliation | Christian & Muslim teachings on forgiveness and reconciliation. |

Remember this topic is also about Islam so try to use these Muslim words to improve your answers

- **SHARI’AH** = Islamic holy law that tells Muslim’s how they should live  
- **QUR’AN** = Muslim Holy Book  
- **UMMAH** = The global Muslim community  
- **KHALIFAH** = Muslim belief that humans are responsible for looking after the world

## Key Words

- **Conflict Resolution**  
  Bringing a fight or struggle to a peaceful conclusion

- **The United Nations**  
  An international body set up to promote world peace and cooperation

- **World peace**  
  The basic aim of the United Nations by removing the causes of war

- **Aggression**  
  Attacking without being provoked

- **Exploitation**  
  Taking advantage of a weaker group

- **Just War**  
  A war that is fought for the right reasons and in the right way

- **Pacifism**  
  Refusing to fight in wars

- **Weapons of mass destruction**  
  Non-nuclear weapons that can destroy large areas and/or large numbers of people, for example chemical weapons

- **Respect**  
  Treating a person or their feelings with consideration

- **Bullying**  
  Intimidating/frightening people weaker than yourself

- **Forgiveness**  
  The act of stopping the blaming of someone and/or pardoning them for what they have done wrong

- **Reconciliation**  
  Bringing together people who were opposed to each other
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Issues of War and Peace...

WARS OCCUR because of:

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<td>Countries feel their co-religionist are being badly treated e.g. Serbia invaded KOSOVO to protect Christians it felt were badly treated by MUSLIMS</td>
<td>Some believe separate ethnic groups should have their own country e.g. Ethnic Albanians in KOSOVO want to be independent</td>
<td>One country has resources that another country wants or needs e.g. some think IRAQ was invaded for it OIL RESERVES</td>
<td>One country may want to follow a political ideal and convert other countries to it. E.g. COMMUNIST NORTH KOREA tried in invade SOUTH KOREA</td>
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<td>The majority of one area of a country is a different religion to the rest e.g. Muslims of HINDU KASHMIR want to be part of Muslim Pakistan</td>
<td>Some believe minority ethnic groups should be removed e.g. Genocide of Tutsis in RWANDA by HUTU majority</td>
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<td>Different political groups may be fighting for control of a country e.g. in the Democratic Republic of Congo</td>
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The UNITED NATIONS (UN) works for World peace because it can...

1. **IMPOSE SANCTIONS** (i.e. banning trade/communication etc) on countries threatening the peace
2. Authorise the **USE OF FORCE** by member states against countries threatening the peace
3. Send a **UN PEACEKEEPERS** to prevent/monitor conflict and create ceasefire zones
4. **HELP RECONCILIATION** and peace processes once the conflict has stopped

One example of the UN’s work for peace in DARFUR...

The UN have aimed to gain peace by...

**NEGOTIATIONS**
In 2004 the UN secretary general met with the Sudanese government - following the talks there was a joint agreement to stop the conflict. The UN continues to be successful in getting both sides to the negotiating table.

**THREAT OF SANCTIONS**
On several occasions the UN has threatened sanctions (in particular to prevent Sudan trading oil) This has proved effective in winning several concessions from the Sudanese government.

**PEACEKEEPING FORCES**
After UN negotiations (and the threat of sanctions) with the Sudanese government, a small peacekeeping force was allowed into Darfur in August 2004. They have had some success in protecting civilians although they themselves have come under attack from both sides on several occasions.
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**Issues of War and Peace...**

A religious organisation that promotes WORLD PEACE is **PAX CHRISTI**, it does this by:

1. **EDUCATION** e.g. informing people about areas of conflict and the need for world peace
2. **PROTESTS** e.g. organises campaigns against Nuclear weapons and the arms trade
3. **ORGANISING** e.g. bringing different faith groups and people together to work for world peace or planning reconciliation and peace pilgrimages
4. **HUMAN RIGHTS** e.g. supporting peace groups in Palestine/Israel

**JUST WAR**: a war that is fought for **the right reasons** and in the **right way**. For example:

1. **Cause is just** (stop injustice or in defence)
2. **War declared by proper authority** (UN or Govt)
3. **Purpose is to restore peace**
4. **Last resort** i.e. non violent methods have failed
5. **Reasonable chance of success**
6. **Methods avoid harming civilians**
7. **Methods are proportional & fair**

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<td>because <strong>JESUS</strong> taught that Christians should Not FIGHT</td>
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<td><strong>The BIBLE</strong> 5th commandment says <strong>‘DO NOT KILL’</strong></td>
<td><strong>To fight to defend the weak and bring peace is a CHURCH TEACHING</strong></td>
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<td><strong>JESUS</strong> set an example of non violence and stopped Peter from using violence saying ‘<strong>Those who live by the sword die by the sword</strong>’</td>
<td>In the <strong>BIBLE, ST PAUL</strong> says Christians have to obey the government and this would apply to a <strong>JUST WAR</strong></td>
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<td>For the first <strong>300 YEARS</strong> Christians and their leaders <strong>REFUSED TO FIGHT IN WARS</strong></td>
<td>Jesus said ‘<strong>give to Caesar what is Caesar’s</strong>’ again saying Christians should obey the proper authorities</td>
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**Muslims believe in peace but Islam teaches that if the faith is attacked, MUSLIMS MUST DEFEND THEIR FAITH** by fighting a **Lesser JIHAD** (a **JUST WAR** fought in a **JUST WAY**). They believe this because …

1. **The QUR’AN** teaches this and the **QUR’AN is the Word of ALLAH (God) so must be followed**
2. **MUHAMMAD** is an example for Muslims on how to live and he **fought in JUST WARS**
3. **MUHAMMAD** made many statements saying Muslims should fight in **JUST WARS** and Muslims should follow his teachings
4. **The QUR’AN** teaches that anyone who dies fighting in a **JUST WAR** will **go straight to HEAVEN**
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Religion and Bullying...

**BULLYING** is intimidating/ frightening people weaker than yourself

**Christian** are against bullying because:
1. **THE BIBLE** says using violence without a just cause is sinful and bullying always involves this
2. **THE BIBLE** individuals are created in the image of **God** and God's creation. Bullying is therefore mistreating God's creation
3. **JESUS** taught it is their duty to protect the weak and innocent e.g. the parable of the Good Samaritan. Bullying does the opposite and so it must be wrong
4. **ALL CHURCHES** teach that Christian should protect human rights and bullying is wrong because it denies human rights

**Muslim** are against bullying because:
1. Muslims are all members of the **UMMAH** and should have equal respect. Bullying is going against the Ummah
2. **THE QUR’AN** teaches it is their duty to protect the weak and innocent so bullying must be wrong
3. **MUHAMMAD** said ‘Every Muslim is a brother to every Muslim’ so they should not bully
4. Islamic society is based on the **SHARI’AH** rule of law and bullying does not show respect for this law

Religious Conflicts within families can be about:
1. Children NO LONGER WANTING TO TAKE PART in their parents religion
2. Children wanting to MARRY A PARTNER FROM A DIFFERENT FAITH
3. Children becoming MORE RELIGIOUS THAN THEIR PARENTS and start criticising their parents
4. Disagreement over MORAL ISSUES

**Christians** believe in FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION because...
1. **JESUS** allowed reconciliation between God and humans by DYING ON THE CROSS to bring forgiveness for sins
2. **JESUS** said if people do not forgive those who have sinned against them, then God will not forgive their sins
3. **ST PAUL** said that Christians should try to live in peace with everyone. This peace can only be reached through peace and reconciliation
4. Christianity is based on the concept of forgiveness and reconciliation and **ALL CHURCHES** teach this

**MUSLIMS** believe in FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION because...
1. **ALLAH** is merciful to sinners so Muslims should also be merciful and forgiving to others
2. On the **DAY OF JUDGEMENT** Muslims will ask **ALLAH** for forgiveness, how can they do this if they are not prepared to forgive others
3. The **QUR’AN** teaches this and the **QUR’AN** is the Word of **ALLAH (God)** so must be followed
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Unit 3: Crime and Punishment

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UMMAH = The global Muslim community
HARAM = Forbidden in the Qur’an
MOSQUE = Muslim place of worship
MUHAMMAD = the prophet
ALLAH = God

KEY WORDS

- **Sin**: An act against the will of God.
- **Crime**: An act against the law.
- **Law**: Rules made by Parliament and enforceable by the police and the courts.
- **Justice**: Due allocation of reward and punishment, the maintenance of what is right.
- **Judgement**: The act of evaluating people and their actions.
- **Capital Punishment**: The State sponsored death penalty.
- **Reform**: The idea that punishments should try to change criminals so that they will not commit crimes again.
- **Deterrence**: The idea that punishments will be of such a nature that they will put people off (deter) committing crimes.
- **Retribution**: The idea that punishments should make criminals pay for what they have done wrong.
- **Rehabilitation**: Readapt to normal life and thinking in society.
- **Responsibility**: Being responsible for your own actions.
- **Addiction**: A recurring compulsion to engage in an activity regardless of its effects.
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Need for Law and Justice...

**LAWS:** rules made by parliament and enforceable by the courts and Police.

**Laws are needed because ...**
1. Humans live in groups so we need rules to **GUIDE BEHAVIOUR** so people know what to expect
2. Without them modern society and business would not be able to **FUNCTION**
3. They **PROTECT THE WEAK** from the strong
4. Advanced civilisation such as the UK need laws to be **ORGANISED**

**There needs to be a connection between laws and justice because ...**
1. Unjust laws may make people feel it’s right to **BREAK THE LAWS**
2. Unjust laws are **NOT FULFILLING THEIR PURPOSE** of protecting the weak etc
3. People will not obey unjust laws and **CAMPAIGN AGAINST IT** causing trouble in society
4. This may lead to **CIVIL WAR**

The aims of Punishment are...

**RETRIBUTION:** when society punished someone for wrongdoing it makes the victims feel a sense of **JUSTICE** and **REVENGE**

**POSITIVES**
The victims feel that the criminal got what they deserved and are suffering for what they have done.

**NEGATIVES**
- Retribution doesn’t work - victims often feel the criminal has not been punished enough.
- Victims do not feel justice has been done so cannot move on.
- In cases of murder, some would argue that retribution can never be achieved.

**DETERRENCE:** To prevent or discourage people from breaking the law.

**POSITIVES**
- Punishment may put someone off doing this action again
- Punishment will stop someone doing it in the first place if they have seen someone punished.

**NEGATIVES**
- Prison figures increasing
- Prisons full
Almost half of all prisoners commit crime again once released.

**REFORM:** Should help criminals see what they have done wrong (allows **REHABILITATION** back into society)

**POSITIVES**
Allows criminals to gain education and job training so that once released they can become a law abiding citizen.

**NEGATIVES**
- It simply doesn’t work - people are who they are and are unable to change.
- Some argue reform isn’t punishment - teaching and education goes against what punishment is meant to be.

**PROTECTION:** People are frightened by violent criminals and punishment protects members of the public from offenders.

**POSITIVES**
By keeping criminals locked up in prison they can cause no harm to the public.

**NEGATIVES**
- It only works while criminals are locked away.
- Many are released back into society and commit crime again.
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<td>2. <strong>BIBLE &amp; JESUS</strong> says Christian should treat people equally and fairly</td>
<td>2. Islam teaches that it is <strong>UNJUST</strong> to charge interest on money as it take money from the poor</td>
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<td>3. The <strong>CHURCH</strong> encourages Christians to work for justice for example <strong>JUBILEE 2000</strong> to cancel world debt charged to poor countries</td>
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<td>- Works in areas of poverty around the world helping those in need and campaigning against INJUSTICE.</td>
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<td>- Seeks to change policies of governments in rush countries.</td>
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<td>- Catholic Fund for Overseas Development - campaigns for JUSTICE for the poor of the world.</td>
<td>- Seeks to improve the lives of people affected by poverty, wars and natural disasters.</td>
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<td>- Has campaigned against landmines, Third World debt, and for rich nations to take more action to help.</td>
<td>- Provides emergency food and medical relief.</td>
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<td>- Promotes human development and social justice in line with Christian teachings.</td>
<td>- Provides support for projects providing long-term solutions to poverty.</td>
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## Non Religious Argument AGAINST

**STATISTICS** - a comparison of the murder rates of countries with the death penalty shows that the countries without have a lower murder rate.

**MISTAKES** - no court can ever be sure the correct verdict is ALWAYS given. If they have been executed, they cannot be brought back to life if found innocent later.

**EXPECTATIONS** - most murderers do not expect to get caught so execution will not act as a deterrent. Or they are motivated to kill more people to try to escape this punishment.

**SACRED LIFE** - human life is the most important there is and **NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO TAKE IT**, including the state.

## Non Religious Argument FOR Capital punishment

**ULTIMATE DETERRENT** - if people know they will lose their lives if they murder someone, they will be less likely to do it.

**The only RETRIBUTION/COMPENSATION for taking a life is for the criminal’s to be taken also.**

**BIBLE** - ‘an eye for an eye’

**PROTECTION** - murderers and terrorists are a threat to society. The best way to ensure they cannot re-offend is to kill them.

**Human life is the most important thing and the only way the value of life can be shown is by giving those who take it, the worst possible PUNISHMENT.**

## Christian arguments AGAINST capital punishment

“**Thou shalt not kill**” (Exodus 20:13)

Killing in any circumstance and for any reason is wrong.

**BIBLE** teaches that life is **SACRED** and **ONLY GOD** can take life, even as punishment- **SANCTITY OF LIFE**

**JESUS** banned revenge and retribution when he said ‘an eye for an eye’ was wrong “If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also”. (Matthew 5:38)

## Christian arguments FOR capital punishment

“…”**an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth**” (Exodus 21:24) = the punishment should be fitting of the crime.

**“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed”** (Genesis 9:6) = capital punishment should be used on those that take a life.

“**Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established”** (Romans 13:1) = Christians should accept and obey the laws and punishments of the government of the country they are living in.
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<td>Capital punishment is recommended but NOT COMPULSORY</td>
<td>God sets down this punishment in the QUR’AN for murder, adultery and apostasy.</td>
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<td>SHARI'AH says the victims family can claim BLOOD MONEY instead of the death penalty</td>
<td>MUHAMMAD sentenced people to death and he is the exemplar of a good Muslim</td>
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<td>The QUR’AN gives strict guidelines under which the death penalty can be given BUT these are rarely met so it should not be used.</td>
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All Christians are against illegal drug use because...
1. Christians should obey the laws of the land.
2. Illegal drugs are harmful and damage the body.
3. Taking drugs has mental effects that make it difficult to worship God properly.
4. Illegal drugs can lead to other sins like committing crime.
5. Drug abuse can break down marriages and family relationships.
6. Illegal drugs can affect a person’s behaviour making them act in ways a Christian should not.

**Christian Attitudes to Alcohol IN MODERATION**

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<td>In Biblical times there wasn’t as much to drink now we have a variety of non-alcoholic choices.</td>
<td>The BIBLE does not forbid it.</td>
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<td>The BIBLE warns against drunkenness.</td>
<td>JESUS drank wine - LAST SUPPER - MIRACLE - water into wine.</td>
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<td>Christians should set a GOOD EXAMPLE - alcohol can impair your judgment reduce your ability to act in a Christian way.</td>
<td>ST PAUL said Christians could drink in moderation.</td>
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<td>Avoid drinking as it can OFFEND others.</td>
<td>It is used in many CHURCHES for holy communion</td>
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Islam teaches that all alcohol and drugs are BANNED for Muslims because...
1. **QUR’AN** bans drugs and alcohol saying they are a means for Satan to keep Muslims from GOD
2. **MUHAMMAD** said Muslims should not drink or sell alcohol
3. **QUR’AN** says intoxicants are HARAM
4. Alcohol leads to other SINS
5. Our bodies were created by ALLAH and we have a responsibility not to abuse them and look after them until JUDGEMENT DAY.
Unit 4: Rights and Responsibilities

Topics you need to revise are ...

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Remember this topic is also about Islam so try to use these Muslim words to improve your answers.

SHARI’AH = Islamic holy law that tells Muslim’s how they should live
QUR’AN = Muslim Holy Book
UMMAH = The global Muslim community
HARAM = Forbidden in the Qur’an
MOSQUE = Muslim place of worship
MUHAMMAD = the prophet
ALLAH = God

KEY WORDS

- Decalogue – the Ten Commandments.
- Church – the community of Christians (with small ‘c’ it is a place of worship).
- Conscience – an inner feeling of rightness or wrongness of an action.
- Situation ethics – the idea that Christians should base moral decisions on what is the most loving thing to do in a situation.
- Human Rights – the rights and freedoms to which everyone is entitled.
- Democratic processes – the ways in which all citizens can take part in government (usually through elections).
- Electoral processes – the ways in which voting is organised.
- Political party – a group which tries to get elected into power on its policies e.g. Labour, Conservative.
- Pressure Group – a group formed to influence government policy on a particular issue.
- Golden Rule – the teaching of Jesus that people should treat others as they would like to be treated.
- Social Change – the way in which society has changed and is changing (and also the possibilities for future change).
Christians make moral decisions using ...

**BIBLE** because ...
1. It is the word of God
2. Contains God's rules in 10 commandments
3. Contains teachings of Jesus
4. Contains teachings of early Saints

**CHURCH** because ...
1. Church leaders can interpret the Bible for today
2. Pope has special powers to interpret the Bible
3. Important part of Christian life

**CONSCIENCE** (inner feeling of RIGHT & WRONG) because...
They believe it is the voice of God guiding them directly

**SITUATION ETHICS**
The only moral rule that Christians need is *Jesus' principle of love* your neighbour in order to decide what is the most loving thing to do

However there are problems such as:

Some say the Bible was written by humans and needs to be revised for modern times as conflicting teachings on many topics.

There have been many splits and disagreements between the Churches over issues like contraception/divorce or homosexuality.

Some have been mistaken about the voice of God e.g. Yorkshire Ripper
Some think it is safer to follow the Bible & church.

Some think it may be too difficult because you can't know all the facts or consequences of your actions
Some think it is safer to follow the Bible & church.
Human Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS - the rights and freedoms to which everyone is entitled

Examples: right to life, right to liberty, right to fair trial, right to freedom of conscience and religion, right to marry and start a family, right to own property etc

Human rights are important to Christians because...

1. SANCTITY OF LIFE (life belongs to God) is a basic Christian belief so Christians believe in everyone’s right to life
2. Christians believe ALL MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD so believe in EQUALITY protected by these rights
3. FREEDOM TO BE CHRISTIAN - if they want to be protected they should apply this to others as well
4. Christians believe in JUSTICE as GOD IS JUST, heaven/hell is about justice so should be protected

However some Human rights can cause conflict within Christianity such as...

- Allowing civil partnerships & adoption for HOMOSEXUALS
- Allowing WOMEN equal rights to lead in church
It is important to take part in the democratic & electoral process because …

1. It gives people a chance to choose and affect governments & councils
2. This has an big influence as they set taxes, new rules and run services like the NHS & schools
3. Many women fought for the right to vote so it shouldn’t be wasted
4. Without democracy people could be treated badly by the state like some other countries

It is important FOR CHRISTIANS to take part in the democratic & electoral process as it is their duty to bring about SOCIAL CHANGE because they are taught…

The Golden rule—Christians should treat others as they wish to be treated.

The Parable of the Sheep & Goats says Christians should help the homeless, sick and hungry.

Am I my Brother’s keeper? The story of Cain and Abel tells Christians they ARE responsible for each other.
**Unit 4: Rights and Responsibilities**

**Genetic Engineering**

**GENETIC ENGINEERING** is using techniques of gene development to find cures or prevention for disease and disabilities in humans.

Non religious arguments about **GENETIC ENGINEERING** are...

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<td>1. Offers the prospect of CURES for incurable diseases to help people</td>
<td>1. Little information ABOUT LONG TERM CONSEQUENCES</td>
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<td>2. It is being done in OTHER PLACES so is available to those who are rich enough to travel and pay</td>
<td>2. It has effects which would be IRREVERSIBLE so if anything went wrong it would be permanent</td>
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<td>3. Genetic research is a PART OF MEDICAL RESEARCH so includes genetic engineering</td>
<td>3. It places TOO MUCH POWER into the hands of scientists</td>
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<td>4. It is closely MONITORED BY THE LAW and has vast potential benefits</td>
<td>4. It treats the human body as a COMMODITY which is a sin</td>
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<td>5. Also it offers the possibility of being having to be GENETICALLY SCREENED to get life insurance, jobs. With anyone likely to develop illness losing out (remember Gattaca!)</td>
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**Christian attitudes to GENETIC ENGINEERING** are different because...

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<th>Some Christians ALLOW genetic engineering because...</th>
<th>However they argue over the use of HUMAN EMBRYOS</th>
<th>Some Christians are opposed to ANY FORM of genetic research</th>
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<td>JESUS was a HEALER who showed that Christians should do all they can to cure disease</td>
<td>CATHOLICS SAY NO because...</td>
<td>God has created our genetic so no one has the right to INTERFERE WITH GODS WILL e.g 'playing God'</td>
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<td>Discovering genetics TO IMPROVE human life is what God wants humans to do as STEWARDS</td>
<td>LIFE begins at the moment of conception so is a human life</td>
<td>It is wrong to make the earth perfect, ONLY HEAVEN IS PERFECT. You cannot make heaven on earth</td>
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<td>Creating cells is not the same as creating humans, so NOT TAKING OVER GODS ROLE of creation</td>
<td>SOME PROTESTANTS SAY YES as research embryos not human life until 14 DAYS old</td>
<td>Also they accept the NON RELIGIOUS ARGUMENTS above as well</td>
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