

GCSE

GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Route A Component 1

from a Christian perspective



Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World (from a Christian perspective).

Content Theme 1: Issues of Relationships	Covered in class or as homework	I'm not sure	I'm getting there	I've got it 😊	Links to other topics	Key words linked to this topic	Possible sources of wisdom and authority
<i>Relationships: THIS SECTION MUST BE STUDIED FROM TWO RELIGIONS OR TWO RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS</i> - Christian beliefs, attitudes AND teachings about the nature and purpose of relationships in the 21st Century: - Nature and purpose of family - Roles of women and men - Marriage outside of the religious tradition (inter-faith marriage) - Cohabitation (living together outside of marriage) - The nature AND purpose of marriage as expressed through Christian marriage ceremonies - Different Christian attitudes towards: - adultery - divorce - annulment - separation - re-marriage Sources of wisdom and authority relating to the issues above							

<i>Sexual relationships:</i> THIS SECTION MUST BE STUDIED FROM TWO RELIGIONS OR TWO RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS • Christian teachings about the nature and purpose of sex • Christian teachings about the use of contraception • Varied interpretations of the Natural Law/ Absolutist approach of St. Thomas Aquinas' Five Primary Precepts (with reference to the second Primary Precept) • Diverse attitudes within AND across Christianity towards same sex relationships • Sources of wisdom and authority relating to the issues above							
<i>Issues of equality: gender prejudice and discrimination:</i> THIS SECTION MUST BE STUDIED FROM TWO RELIGIONS OR TWO RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS • Diverse attitudes within Christianity toward the roles of women and men in worship and authority: • <i>Catholic views on this topic</i> • <i>Orthodox views on this topic</i> • <i>Anglican views on this topic</i> • Sources of wisdom and authority relating to the issues above							

Content Theme 2: Issues of Life and Death	Covered in class or as homework	I'm not sure	I'm getting there	I've got it 😊	Links to other topics	Key words linked to this topic	Possible sources of wisdom and authority
The world: THIS SECTION MUST BE STUDIED FROM TWO RELIGIONS OR TWO RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS AND NON-RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES - Diverse Christian beliefs, teachings AND attitudes about the accounts of the origin of the universe in: <i>Genesis chapter 1</i> <i>Genesis Chapter 2</i> - The relationship between Christian and non-religious views of the creation of the universe - The extent to which these views conflict - Stephen Hawking's view of the Big Bang - Christian AND non-religious beliefs, teachings AND attitudes about: <i>Dominion</i> <i>Stewardship</i> <i>Environmental responsibility</i> <i>Sustainability</i> <i>Global citizenship</i> 'Humanists 4 a Better World' Sources of wisdom and authority relating to the issues above							

The origin and value of human life: **THIS SECTION MUST BE STUDIED FROM TWO RELIGIONS OR TWO RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS AND NON-RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES**

- Diverse Christian beliefs, teachings AND attitudes about the origin and sanctity (sacredness) of human life
- Non-religious views about evolution:
- *Charles Darwin*
- *Richard Dawkins*
- Diverse Christian attitudes about:
- *Abortion*
- *Euthanasia*
- Non-religious views on the importance of human life
- Non-religious views on the importance of animal life (Peter Singer's views on 'Speciesism')
- Humanist views about dignity in dying
- **Sources of wisdom and authority relating to the issues above**

Beliefs about death and the afterlife: **THIS SECTION MUST BE STUDIED FROM TWO RELIGIONS OR TWO RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS AND NON-RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES**

- Diverse Christian beliefs AND teachings about life after death, including:
- *Soul*
- *Judgement*
- *Heaven*
- *Hell*
- How Christian funerals in Britain reflect beliefs about the after life
- How Humanist funerals in Britain reflect beliefs about the afterlife
- **Sources of wisdom and authority relating to the issues above**

Content Theme 3: Issues of Good and Evil	Covered in class or as homework	I'm not sure	I'm getting there	I've got it 😊	Links to other topics	Key words linked to this topic	Possible sources of wisdom and authority
<i>Crime and Punishment: THIS SECTION MUST BE STUDIED FROM TWO RELIGIONS OR TWO RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS</i> • What makes an act 'wrong'? • Religious and ethical responses to this question: • <i>Relative Morality</i> • <i>Absolute Morality</i> • <i>Conscience</i> • <i>Virtues</i> • <i>Sin</i> • Beliefs AND attitudes about the causes of crime • Beliefs AND attitudes about the aims of punishment: • <i>Justice</i> • <i>Retribution</i> • <i>Deterrence</i> • <i>Reformation</i> • The treatment of criminals • The work of prison reformers • The work of prison chaplains • Varied conservative and liberal views of the Death Penalty (Capital Punishment) • Sources of wisdom and authority relating to the issues above							

Forgiveness: <i>THIS SECTION MUST BE STUDIED FROM TWO RELIGIONS OR TWO RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS</i> • Christian teachings about forgiveness • Examples of forgiveness arising from personal beliefs • Sources of wisdom and authority relating to the issues above							
Good, Evil and Suffering: <i>THIS SECTION MUST BE STUDIED FROM TWO RELIGIONS OR TWO RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS</i> • Philosophical views on the origin of evil: • <i>Original Sin (free will) – i.e. St. Augustine</i> • <i>‘Soul-Making’ i.e. Irenaeus and John Hick</i> • Philosophical challenges posed by belief in God, free will and the existence of evil and suffering • Sources of wisdom and authority relating to the issues above							

Content Theme 4: Issues of Human Rights	Covered in class or as homework	I'm not sure	I'm getting there	I've got it 😊	Links to other topics	Key words linked to this topic	Possible sources of wisdom and authority
<i>Human Rights and Social Justice: THIS SECTION MUST BE STUDIED FROM TWO RELIGIONS OR TWO RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS</i> • Christian beliefs, teachings AND attitudes about the dignity of human life • Christian practices to promote human rights (including equality) • Agape in action i.e. examples of Christian love in action to promote human rights • An example of conflict between personal conviction and the laws of a country • Censorship • Freedom of religious expression • Religious extremism • Sources of wisdom and authority relating to the issues above							
<i>Prejudice and discrimination: THIS SECTION MUST BE STUDIED FROM TWO RELIGIONS OR TWO RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS</i> • Christian beliefs, teachings AND attitudes about prejudice and discrimination • Christian beliefs, teachings and attitudes about RACIAL prejudice and discrimination • Martin Luther King's teachings on equality • Sources of wisdom and authority relating to the issues above							

*Issues of wealth and poverty: **THIS SECTION MUST BE STUDIED FROM TWO RELIGIONS OR TWO RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS***

- Ethical considerations about gaining wealth
- Ethical decisions about using wealth
- The actions and attitudes of Christian charities in 21st century Britain to prevent poverty
- Christian Aid
- **Sources of wisdom and authority relating to the issues above**