

PAPER 1

Unit 2: Life Issues

REVISION: The Topics

You must answer on 4 – choose your 4!!

Topic 1: Religion and animal rights

(humans and animals, hunting, zoos, experimentation, extinction, wildlife etc, vegetarianism)

Topic 2: Religion and planet earth

(creation theory, big bang, global warming, deforestation etc, conservation and sustainable development)

Topic 3: Religion and prejudice

(racism, sexism etc, effects, laws, charities, the work of Martin Luther King)



Topic 4: Religion and early Life

(why people want children, abortion, pro-life and pro-choice, alternatives – adoption etc)

Topic 5: Religion, war and peace

(war and peace, holy war, just war theory, terrorism, victims, charities, the UN)

Animal Rights checklist – do you know?

- ☐ How humans use animals to help them
- ☐ How humans exploit animals
- ☐ How humans and animals differ – the status of each
- ☐ Christian/Buddhist attitudes to animal rights
- ☐ Christian/Buddhist attitudes to slaughter methods, to eating meat
- ☐ Christian/Buddhist attitudes to animal experimentation
- ☐ Christian/Buddhist attitudes to zoos, including their role in the conservation of species
- ☐ Christian/Buddhist attitudes to uses of animals in sport, including hunting, bull-fighting, racing
- ☐ Christian/Buddhist attitudes to farming, including factory farming
- ☐ The rights and wrongs of each of the ways humans use animals

Key Terms

- Animal Rights
- Stewardship
- Creation
- Sanctity of Life
- Vegetarianism
- Companionship
- Animal experimentation
- Factory farming
- Zoos
- Hunting
- Fur trade
- Ivory trade
- Extinction
- Genetic modification
- Cloning

Planet Earth checklist – do you know?

- ☐ Christian explanations of how the world and life began
- ☐ How the planet can be a source of awe and wonder, making some people think of God
- ☐ The problem of trying to help humans, but still protecting the environment
- ☐ How people damage the environment
- ☐ How and why people help the environment, both as individuals and groups
- ☐ The worlds response to environmental problems – e.g. Earth Summits, Kyoto etc
- ☐ Christian/Buddhist attitudes to each specific topic – climate change, pollution, use and abuse of natural resources, destruction of natural habitat, and conservation
- ☐ How modern living contributes to the problems, and how it needs to be part of the solution

Key Terms

- Creation
- Stewardship
- Awe
- Community
- Pollution
- Climate change
- Natural resources
- Natural habitat
- Earth summits
- Renewable energies
- Sustainable development
- Conservation

Prejudice checklist – do you know?

- ☐ What types of prejudice there are
- ☐ Why people are prejudiced
- ☐ How people show their prejudice
- ☐ How tolerance, justice, harmony and the value of each person are relevant in this issue
- ☐ Christian attitudes to prejudice generally – and teachings
- ☐ Christian attitudes to all specific types of prejudice – racism, sexism, homophobia, ageism, religious prejudice
- ☐ How Christians respond to prejudice and discrimination
- ☐ How Christians help the victims of prejudice and discrimination
- ☐ What specific individuals have done to fight racism, and other prejudice
- ☐ What the government has done to fight prejudice – e.g. the Race Relations Act
- ☐ What positive discrimination is, and why it happens

Key Terms

- Prejudice
- Discrimination
- Positive discrimination
- Equality
- Justice
- Community
- Tolerance
- Harmony
- Sexism
- Racism
- Religious prejudice
- Homophobia
- Ageism

Early Life checklist – do you know?

- ☐ When life begins – the different views
- ☐ Why children are seen as a blessing
- ☐ What we mean by the ‘miracle of life’
- ☐ What we mean by ‘abortion’
- ☐ Why women have abortions
- ☐ The arguments around ‘quality of life’ abortions
- ☐ The law about abortion
- ☐ Different Christian attitudes to abortion – and relevant teachings
- ☐ Examples of when Christians might accept and abortion is necessary
- ☐ What rights all of those involved have or should have – mother, father, foetus
- ☐ Alternatives to abortion
- ☐ The work of Pro-Life and Pro-Choice

Key Terms

- Abortion
- Sanctity of life
- Quality of life
- Miracle of life
- Blessing
- Conception
- Viability
- Rights
- Pro-Life
- Pro-choice
- Pressure group

War & Peace checklist – do you know?

- ☐ Why Christians believe in pacifism – and teachings to support this
- ☐ Sanctity of life as an argument for and against war
- ☐ Examples of recent wars, applying Just war/Holy War theories to them
- ☐ How war makes victims of many
- ☐ Organisations that help victims of war
- ☐ Why Christians might go to war
- ☐ Explanation of Just War, including its rules
- ☐ Explanation of Holy War, including its rules
- ☐ Christian attitudes to war, including teachings/beliefs to support these attitudes
- ☐ Christian attitudes to peace, including teachings/beliefs to support these attitudes
- ☐ How a religious believer has worked for peace
- ☐ How and why peacekeeping forces work
- ☐ Attitudes to nuclear weapons, and nuclear proliferation, including beliefs/teachings to support those attitudes

Key Terms

- War
- Peace
- Conflict
- Justice
- Sanctity of life
- Community
- Pacifism
- Just War
- Holy War
- Victims
- Peacekeeping force
- Terrorism
- Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Nuclear weapons
- Nuclear proliferation

PAPER 2

Unit 3: Morality

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Topic 1: Religious Attitudes to Matters of Life (Medical Ethics)

(fertility treatments, transplants, transfusions, medical research, experiments on humans)

Topic 2: Religious Attitudes to the Elderly and Death

(elderly, euthanasia, life support, death and the afterlife)

Topic 3: Religious Attitudes to Drug Abuse

(illegal and legal drugs – alcohol, caffeine, tobacco, the body and mind)



Topic 4: Religious attitudes to Crime and Punishment

Topic 5: Religious Attitudes to World Poverty

(basic needs, LEDC's, long/short term aid, charities, sustainable development)

Medical Ethics checklist – do you know?

- ☐ What religions (Christianity) believe about life
- ☐ The benefits of medical research
- ☐ The problems associated with medical research
- ☐ Why Christians/non-religious people agree/disagree with human genetic engineering
- ☐ Why Christians/non-religious people agree/disagree with embryo research
- ☐ Why Christians/non-religious people agree/disagree with cloning
- ☐ Why Christians/non-religious people agree/disagree with stem cell therapies
- ☐ Why Christians/non-religious people agree/disagree with transplant surgery
- ☐ The problems associated with xenotransplantation
- ☐ Why Christians/non-religious people agree/disagree with blood transfusions
- ☐ Why Christians/non-religious people want to have children
- ☐ Why people need to use fertility treatment
- ☐ Why Christians/non-religious people agree/disagree with IVF
- ☐ Why Christians/non-religious people agree/disagree with AID
- ☐ Why Christians/non-religious people agree/disagree with AIH
- ☐ Why Christians/non-religious people agree/disagree with Surrogacy

Key Words

- Sanctity of life
- Quality of life
- Senior citizenship
- Ageism
- Retirement
- Care home
- Hospice
- Hospital
- Life-support machine
- Death
- Euthanasia
- Active euthanasia
- Passive euthanasia
- Life after death

Elderly, Death & Euthanasia checklist – do you know?

- ☐ Why life is sacred/special
- ☐ Why quality of life is important
- ☐ The problems old people face
- ☐ How families can support their elderly relatives
- ☐ How the state supports old people
- ☐ Why we should look after the elderly in society
- ☐ What the law says about euthanasia
- ☐ Whether it is ok to switch off life support
- ☐ Whether life support is “playing God” - in switching off or keeping on
- ☐ Whether we should have the right to choose when we die
- ☐ Who should be involved in decisions about death
- ☐ The difference between active and passive euthanasia
- ☐ Why religious/non-religious people agree/disagree with euthanasia
- ☐ Beliefs about life after death

Key Words

- Mind
- Body
- Sanctity of life
- Medicine
- Legal drug
- Illegal drug
- Recreational drug
- Taxation
- Classification of drugs
- Rehabilitation

Drugs checklist – do you know?

- ☐ Christian attitudes to the mind and body
- ☐ What rights and responsibilities people have regarding drug use
- ☐ Why religious/non-religious people use drugs
- ☐ The different types of drugs available – including their affect on the mind and body
- ☐ The effects of legal drugs
- ☐ Whether taxes should be used to fund medical research and treatment for drug users, including alcohol/tobacco related illness
- ☐ The problems associated with addiction
- ☐ How religious/non-religious people and society can help addicts and their families
- ☐ The effectiveness of treatment and rehabilitation programmes
- ☐ Why religious/non-religious people and society should help addicts and their families
- ☐ The law on drugs
- ☐ Whether the laws relating to drugs are appropriate

Key Words

- Poverty
- LEDC
- Stewardship
- Compassion
- Exploitation
- Debt
- Unfair trade
- Natural disaster
- War
- Global interdependence
- World trade
- Charity
- Emergency aid
- Long-term aid
- Sustainable development

Crime & Punishment checklist – do you know?

- ☐ Religious beliefs about law and order
- ☐ The concepts of right and wrong, conscience, duty and responsibility.
- ☐ How to describe and evaluate the causes of crime
- ☐ Understand the different types of crime
- ☐ Aims of punishment
- ☐ Whether or not the different forms of punishment achieve the aims of punishment, including consideration of young offenders, imprisonment, parole and early release and the death penalty
- ☐ Alternatives to prison and issues concerning prison reform
- ☐ Different points of view, including religious views

Key Words

- crime against the property
- crime against the state
- community service
- death penalty
- deterrence
- duty
- early release
- electronic tagging
- fine
- forgiveness
- imprisonment
- life imprisonment
- parole
- prison reform
- probation
- protection
- punishment
- reform
- religious offence
- reparation
- repentance
- responsibility
- retribution
- vindication
- young offender

World Poverty checklist – do you know?

- ☐ Christian attitudes to injustice
- ☐ Christian attitudes to poverty
- ☐ What is meant by justice, stewardship and compassion in the sense of world poverty
- ☐ Why some countries are poor – the factors that have brought them/keep them at that level of poverty
- ☐ Some examples of LEDCs
- ☐ How global interdependence and world trade help/hinder attempts to help these countries
- ☐ Why Christian/non-religious people help the poor in other countries
- ☐ How Christian/non-religious people help the poor in other countries
- ☐ The work of organisations in these countries
- ☐ Why emergency aid is needed
- ☐ The difference between emergency and long-term aid
- ☐ Issues caused by these types of aid
- ☐ Why sustainable development is needed and its benefits

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