






Eduqas Religious Studies – Issues of Relationships



Key Concepts			
Adultery	Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who is not their spouse	Contraception	Methods used to prevent a woman from becoming pregnant during or following sexual intercourse
Divorce	To legally end a marriage	Gender Equality	People of all genders enjoying the same rights and opportunities in all aspects of life
Cohabitation	To live together in a sexual relationship without being married or in a civil partnership	Responsibilities	Actions/duties you are expected to carry out
Commitment	A sense of dedication or obligation to someone or something	Roles	Position, status or function of a person in society, as well as characteristics and social behaviours expected of them

Key Ideas		
<p>Families</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Types of Family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nuclear Family is a family with a mother, father and children – some Christians argue this is the ideal - Extended Family is a family where grandparents and other relatives are involved - Single Parent Family this is a family where one parent brings up the child 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Purpose of the Family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procreation – the family should be for the purpose of having and bringing up children - Stability – the family should be for providing a secure, stable environment for children - Faith – the family should be a way of bringing children up as good Christians
<p>Marriage</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Marriage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marriage is a religious and legal ceremony in which two people make vows (promises) in front of their friends and family and (if in a church) in front of God - During the ceremony you agree to be together for life saying “<i>til death do us part</i>” 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Christian Wedding Ceremony</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Performed by a vicar in a Church - Exchanging of vows - Exchanging of rings (eternity) - Readings and prayers from the Bible - Signing of the register with witnesses
<p>Divorce and Adultery</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Divorce and Separation</u></p> <p>Divorce is the legal break-up of a marriage. It is legal in the UK and many marriages currently end in divorce.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many Christians do not like it as it is seen to break the promises made in a marriage - Catholics do not support divorce – you cannot get remarried in the Church - CoFE allows divorce but must get permission to remarry in the Church 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Adultery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roman Catholics argue that all sex before marriage and after a divorce is unacceptable. Sex should only take place inside a marriage which is a lifelong, loving relationship. - Adultery means the act of having sex with someone who is not your husband or wife. - It is prohibited by the Bible “<i>You shall not commit adultery</i>” - Exodus 20:14
<p>Sexuality and Contraception</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Purpose of Sex</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sex is seen as a gift from God - Allows for the continuation of God’s plan - Physical way for a couple to express love - Christians believe it should happen within a marriage – casual sex devalues people and sex - Many Christians will wear a silver ring to represent chastity (not sex) until marriage 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contraception</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Artificial contraception means using something to stop yourself from getting pregnant e.g. condoms - Family planning means using the natural cycle of fertility which women go through to predict when a woman would be least fertile. It is much less effective than artificial contraception. <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Same-Sex Relationships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decriminalised in 1967 - Same sex marriage legalised in the UK in 2013 - Some Christians believe it is banned in the Bible - Others follow the example of Jesus’ love for all and accept homosexuality
<p>Gender Equality</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gender Prejudice and Discrimination</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gender equality means that men and women should be equal and given the same rights and opportunities as each other - In the UK women can face gender prejudice and discrimination where they are not treated equality - The Catholic Church argues that women have a special role as mothers and they do not allow women to be priests - The Church of England has allowed women priests since 1994 	