

Unit 8 Environment and medical

You must know 4 points for each of the following: TEST YOURSELF.

1. c) Explain why global warming is happening.
2. c) Explain how global warming can be slowed down. (solutions)
3. c) Explain the main forms of pollution.
4. c) Explain how pollution can be solved.
5. c) Explain why scarcity of natural resources is a problem.
6. c) Explain how the scarcity of natural resources can be solved.
7. c) Explain why Christians have a duty to care for the Earth. (stewardship)
8. c) Explain why Muslims have a duty to care for the Earth.
9. c) Explain how the belief in stewardship affects the lives of Christians/Muslims.
10. c) Explain why infertility treatment is important.
11. c) Explain why Christians agree/disagree with infertility treatment.
12. c) Explain why Muslims agree/disagree with infertility treatment.
13. c) Explain why transplant surgery is important.
14. c) Explain why Christians agree/disagree with transplant surgery.
15. c) Explain why Muslims agree/disagree with transplant surgery.

Environment

Causes of global warming: Greenhouse effect, natural climate change (temperature always gone up and down), solar activity (axis of the Earth tilts towards sun/elliptical orbit of the Earth gets closer to the sun)

Solutions: **PAIR** – public transport, alternative energy sources (electric cars), improve efficiency of cars etc, renewable energy (solar, hydro)

Pollution: caused by **HARE** – human waste, acid rain, radioactive waste (nuclear) and eutrophication (poison in the water system).

Problem: ice caps melting, floods, droughts, insects, disease and death.

Solutions to pollution – **PAIR** + don't drop litter, better sewage systems, fine people who drop litter.

Scarcity of natural resources – using non renewable products like coal, gas, oil. Problem may cause war as we all fight for limited resources, death, economic crisis.

Solution: **PAIR**

Stewardship - Christian teaching - we should care for the Earth because:

1. Bible - Genesis - Old Testament - God created earth for us to care for it
2. Jesus - Parable of the talents - duty to pass on earth to future generations (stewardship)
3. Jesus - Sermon on the Mount - duty to share the earth and care for it
4. Bible - New Testament - Judgement Day - we will be judged on how we cared for the Earth

Islam: **Muhammad Allah Shariah Qur'an + Judgement day = MASQ + J**

1. Teaches that humans are khalifahs (stewards) to look after the earth
2. Qur'an teaches that we are part of Ummah (global community) so should care for the earth
3. Day of Judgement - we will be judged on how we cared for the earth
4. Earth - natural balance - Muslims must preserve this balance

Infertility treatment

Catholic: **CHAMP**

1. Conception – life begins at
2. Holy – life is holy - IVF involves killing embryos (wrong - like abortion and 'do not kill)
3. Adultery is a sin – using donor sperm is adultery
4. Masturbation is sin- artificial insemination and surrogacy involves masturbation which is a sin
5. Procreation should be from sex - not in test tube

Other Christian: **GIN**

1. Golden Rule - treat others as you would like to be treated
2. Infertility treatments are a good use of technology
3. Not adultery if husband and wife's egg and sperm used

Islam:

Yes - good use of medicine, Muslims expected to have a family, as long as child comes from mother and father no problem, an embryo not a life

No - Egg and sperm donation is like adultery, also like adoption, which is forbidden in Islam, children should know their parents, which might not be the case in egg and sperm donation.

Transplant surgery:

Reasons why its important – Cures diseases, saves 3000 lives a year, life comes from death, demand increases each year.

Christians for: Love your neighbour, Golden Rule, Jesus healed, immortality of the soul and you don't need your organs at the resurrection.

Christians against: Playing God, Doctors deciding who lives and dies, poor can be exploited

Muslims against: Sin to play God, we need our organs at death, nothing should be removed from the body.

Muslims for: it is acceptable if it's for a close relative, Muslims aim to do good for people, the Muslim law council says it's ok to carry a donor card.

Unit 8 Crime and Punishment

You must know 4 points for each of the following: TEST YOURSELF.

1. c) Explain why we need laws.
2. c) Explain why there needs to be a connection between law and justice. (why laws should be fair?)
3. c) Explain why there are different types of punishment.
4. c) Explain why justice is important for Christians.
5. c) Explain why justice is important for Muslims.
6. c) Explain why NON-RELIGIOUS people agree/disagree with Capital Punishment.
7. c) Explain why Christians agree/disagree with Capital Punishment.
8. c) Explain why Muslims agree/disagree with Capital Punishment.
9. c) Explain how society is affected by drugs and alcohol.
10. c) Explain why Christians disagree with drugs.
11. c) Explain why Christians agree/disagree with alcohol.
12. c) Explain why Muslims disagree with alcohol.

Need for law and justice GROPe:

1. Groups – we live in groups so need laws to make sure we function
2. Reward those who work – get to keep what we have earned
3. Organise – laws keep us organised and safe
4. Protects – laws protect the weak

Connection between laws and justice – what happens when laws are unjust?

Rosa Parks causes chaos with Nelson Mandela in Syria

1. Rosa Parks – broke unjust laws
2. Chaos – unjust laws cause chaos/riots
3. Nelson Mandela/MLK – protest against unjust laws
4. Syria – an unjust law caused the civil war in Syria – this has led to widespread destruction and a European humanitarian crisis

Types of punishment: DRRP (DRoP)

1. Deterrent – puts people off committing crime
2. Retribution – makes people pay for their crime
3. Reform – changes people
4. Protection – makes society safe

Why justice is important:

Christians – God – Bible – Jesus - Charity

1. God is just and will reward who are righteous
2. Bible says people should be treated fairly
3. Jesus said people should be treated fairly – Parable of the sheep and goats
4. Charity - Christian Churches work for justice and fairness (Fair Trade – Cafod)

Islam – Allah – Qur'an – Muhammad – Charity

1. Allah - God is just = Last Day the good and just will be rewarded
2. Qur'an - Role as khalifahs (vice-gerents) to care and be just
3. Muhammad – all brothers, should care for each other (ummah = one community of brothers)
4. Charity – one of the Five Pillars (rules) of Islam is Zakah which is charity – obliged to give to the poor

Capital Punishment:

Non-religious for capital punishment: DRoPS

1. Deterrent
2. Retribution
3. Protects society
4. Saves money – expensive to keep people in prison

Non-religious against capital punishment: **Think NAMES**

1. May kill an innocent person (Timothy Evans)
2. Prison is worse than death (Ian Brady trying to kill himself - Harold Shipman killed a lot of people in Hyde and was sentenced to death as soon as he got to prison he killed himself)
3. Capital punishment makes martyrs (people worship martyrs) of people (Osama Bin Laden)
4. Two wrongs don't make a right

Christians – can never be justified:

1. Jesus came to reform sinners not kill them
2. Jesus banned retribution – banned an eye for an eye
3. Life is sacred and only God can take a life
4. Churches condemn capital punishment (Roman Catholics have not)

Christians – it can be justified: **FAT THOMAS AQUINAS**

1. Saint Thomas Aquinas said the death penalty is okay if it secures peace
2. The Bible says 'an eye for an eye'
3. The Bible says 'those who live by the sword die by the sword'
4. The Bible says 'those who shed the blood of man will have his blood shed by man'

Islam – for: **Muhamad said it, Muhammad did it, Qur'an, Shariah law**

1. Muhammad agreed with it
2. Muhammad sentenced people to death
3. Punishment set out by God in the Qur'an
4. The Shariah law which is the law of Islam says it's okay

Islam – against:

1. It shouldn't be compulsory
2. The Shariah does not require the death penalty
3. Human life is valuable

Alcohol/drugs:

Health/Social problems:

1. Health = cancer, heart disease, bronchitis, impotence, liver disease, addiction, infections, psychiatric illnesses
2. Social = suffering of watching loved ones die, increased violence/crime/fatalities, gang related crime, neglect of children, abusive relationships

Christians against drugs:

1. It is against the law – Christians should follow the law
2. St Paul said our body is a temple
3. Taking drugs means we cannot worship God properly
4. Christian Churches teach it is wrong

Christians for alcohol and tobacco – in moderation:

1. Jesus' first miracle was to turn water into wine
2. St Paul said we could drink in moderation – 'use a little wine.'
3. Jesus used wine in the Last Supper and commanded us to
4. Wine used in communion services so must be ok

Christians against alcohol:

1. Abuse of God's temple
2. The Bible warns against drunkenness – Noah brought shame on his family when he was drunk
3. Lot – a character in the Old Testament had sex with his daughter when he was drunk
4. Christians should lead by example – lead a good Christian life

Islam against:

1. Intoxicants are 'Satan's handiwork'
2. Muhammad forbade all intoxicants
3. Islam forbids suicide and taking drugs and alcohol is a form of suicide
4. Muslim lawyers say do not harm yourself

Rights and Responsibilities

Bible - helps with making moral decisions because its

1. Word of God which helps us (ten commandments - do not steal)
2. Teachings from Jesus help us
3. Letters from saints which help us
4. Jesus is a role model to help us - look to him for example

Problem with the Bible = the Bible is out of date, use conscience instead.

Church - helps with making moral decisions because its

1. The Body of Christ - it has authority of Christ to help us
2. The Church is community - someone to turn to help us
3. It gives guidance - tells people the right thing to do (magisterium = pope)
4. Church has authority - tradition and history to help us

Conscience - helps with making moral decisions because its

1. Voice of God - it should be listened to
2. The Church says we should follow our conscience (ie Pope)
3. St Paul and St Thomas Aquinas tell us to follow it
4. It is God speaking directly to us

Problem with conscience = people hear the voice of God telling them to do bad things, can't rely on conscience, use the Bible instead, conscience might cause chaos.

Situation ethics - doing the loving thing (taught by a Christian Joseph Fletcher) - For example is an abortion the most loving thing if a 13 year old has been raped?

1. Jesus said do the loving thing - love your neighbour
2. Jesus' Golden rule
3. Christianity is the religion of love - make decisions on love not laws
4. Jesus broke laws to do the loving thing - healed a man on the Sabbath

Problem with situation ethics = you don't know all the facts, better to follow the authority of the Church, use the Bible instead, Ten Commandments are better.

Use a variety of authorities:

1. Protestants use the Bible
2. Catholics would go to the Church/Magisterium
3. Conscience can be unreliable, so use Church/Bible
4. Situation ethics can be unreliable better to use the Church/Bible

Human rights and Christians:

1. Right to life = sanctity of life
2. Right to freedom/equality = made in God's image
3. Right to worship = free to practise religion
4. Right not to be discriminated against = all equal in God's image

Human rights – how they can cause a problem for Christians:

1. Right to marry = not for priests/religious people
2. Right to a family = not for priests/gay people
3. Right to marry = not for gay people
4. Right to equality = not for women in the church

Christians and moral responsibility to vote:

1. Golden Rule - treat others as you would want to be treated - when Christians vote they should think about what political parties will do to other people, not just vote for themselves

2. Parable of the Sheep and Goats - 'I was hungry and you fed me' Christians should vote for people who will care for the poor
3. Am I my brother's keeper - Cain killed his brother out of jealousy - Christians shouldn't hate people, everyone is our brother, we have a duty to care for everyone, vote for the party that cares
4. Love neighbour

Genetic engineering and cloning

Non religious arguments for genetic engineering: **CRAP**

1. Cures diseases
2. Rich will travel if it is banned here they will go abroad (poor penalised)
3. Animal embryos are not humans so it is not killing a life
4. Potential benefits are huge

Non religious arguments against genetic engineering: **IDIOT**

1. Information – there is not enough known about the long-term consequences
2. Dr Frankenstein – it could pave the way for creating a human being
3. Irreversible – changes could be made which can't be undone
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5. Treats people as no different to plants – a product that can be changed

Catholics - Embryo cloning is wrong - **CHAMP**

1. Embryo cloning involves killing embryos (a human life) - like abortion so murder,
2. Killing a life is banned in Ten Commandments
3. Embryos produced by IVF - involves masturbation so a sin

Catholics and Some Christians think genetic engineering is good – **love neighbour/Golden Rule/ Am I my brother's keeper?**

1. Jesus was a healer so we should heal
2. We are stewards - so should care for God's creation
3. Creating cells (not embryos) is good because its working with God to help people

Some Christians think genetic engineering and cloning is wrong:

1. Playing God - it's God's role to create life
2. Only heaven is perfect so it's a sin to try make life perfect
3. Humans should not interfere with God's will

You must know 4 points for each of the following: **TEST YOURSELF.**

- c) Explain why Christians use the Bible when making moral decisions.
- c) Explain why Christians use the authority of the Church when making moral decisions.
- c) Explain why Christians use their consciences when making moral decisions.
- c) Explain why Christians use situation ethics when making moral decisions.
- c) Explain why Christians use a variety of authorities when making a moral decision.
- c) Explain why human rights are important.
- c) Explain why human rights are important to Christians.
- c) Explain why human rights can cause Christians a problem.
- c) Explain why voting is important.
- c) Explain why Christians should vote to bring about social change.
- c) Explain why NON-RELIGIOUS people agree/disagree with genetic engineering.
- c) Explain why Christians agree/disagree with genetic engineering.

Peace and Conflict

UN – good at resolving conflict – DIPS:

1. Diplomacy
2. Imposes sanctions – stops trading with country so they stop making money
3. Peacekeepers – send in people to stop conflict
4. Soldiers – sends in the troops

This worked in Kosovo - Diplomacy failed, sanctions failed, and peacekeepers protected Kosovo and they set up democracy.

It has failed in Syria – diplomacy and sanctions failed, it was too dangerous for peacekeepers and China and Russia refused to let soldiers go in – the war rages on.

How religious organisation try to promote world peace:

1. Organise meetings
2. Organise protests
3. Organise inter-faith conferences
4. Work for economic justice

Why wars occur? REEP

1. Religious conflict – Muslims and Hindus in Kashmir
2. Economic conflict – Iraq war for oil
3. Ethnicity – Rwanda – hutus and tutsis
4. Political – communism versus capitalists in Korea

Just war = SARCLAP

Self defence, authorised by UN, restores peace, chance of success, last resort, avoids killing civilians, proportionate

War:

Christians pacifists – against war. **Love neighbour, Golden Rule, Am I my brother's keeper?**

1. Jesus taught in Sermon on Mount resist evil and turn the other cheek
2. Jesus taught to love our enemies
3. Jesus stopped Peter from using violence
4. Fifth Commandment – do not kill

Christians – for a just war:

1. Teaching of all the main churches to allow a just war
2. St Paul said we should obey orders – if a government authorises a war we should fight in it
3. Jesus didn't condemn soldiers
4. Jesus said 'give to Caesar what is Caesar's' – its okay to fight in a war

Islam: MASQ + J

1. If war is Just – Qu'ran says Muslims must fight in it if attacked
2. Muhammad fought in wars
3. Muhammad made statements about fighting in just wars
4. Qur'an says if you fight in a just war you will go to heaven

Bullying:

Christians against – **Love neighbour/Golden Rule/Am I my brother's keeper?**

1. Violence without cause is a sin
2. Made in God's image – wrong to bully God's creation
3. Parable of the Sheep and Goats – treat people fairly

4. Christian Churches teach we should protect human rights
- Islam against:

1. Society based on law and respect – wrong to bully
2. Violence without just cause a sin
3. Muslims are members of ummah – one community – with all treated equally
4. Islam teaches we should protect the weak

Religious conflicts in families:

1. Children not wanting to take part in parents religion – parents think its their duty to bring their children up in the religion, they might be regarded as failures
2. Children want to marry a partner from another faith – where would the wedding ceremony take place? What religion would the children be brought up? What will happen after death?
3. Children become more religious than parents - what if children join a religious community? Child criticises parents lifestyle choices – a Muslim parent running an off-licence?
4. Disagreements over moral issues – divorce, sex before marriage, abortion, contraception

Forgiveness and reconciliation:

Christians: **Love neighbour, Golden Rule, Am I my brother's keeper?**

1. Jesus died on the cross to bring forgiveness – so we should forgive
2. Jesus taught if we do not forgive then how can we expect to be forgiven?
3. St Paul said we should live in peace with everyone
4. Christianity is based on forgiveness – we should all be committed to forgiveness

Islam: **MASQ + Judgement Day**

1. God is compassionate and merciful, so must Muslims be
2. Judgement Day God will deal with sinners – how can a Muslim be forgiven if they can't forgive?
3. The Qur'an says Muslims must forgive
4. Muhammad forgave so must Muslims

You must know 4 points for each of the following: TEST YOURSELF.

- c) Explain why the UN is important for world peace.
- c) Explain how religious organisations work for world peace.
- c) Explain why wars occur.
- c) Explain how a war can be just = fair.
- c) Explain why Christians agree/disagree with war.
- c) Explain why Muslims agree/disagree with war.
- c) Explain why Christians disagree with bullying.
- c) Explain why Muslims disagree with bullying.
- c) Explain why religion can cause conflict in families.
- c) Explain why Christians agree with forgiveness and reconciliation.
- c) Explain why Muslims agree with forgiveness and reconciliation. When should Muslims never forgive?