Relationships and Family Cheat Sheet

Explain teachings about human sexuality, including heterosexual and homosexual relationships.

• Christians believe marriage is the only place for sex. • 'increase in number' G1:28 • Leviticus bans homosexual acts • Some believe it is love that is important	• Homosexuality is against the Quran. • Homosexuality is seen as against God's law.	• Views towards sex have changed. • Humanists believe we have one life and should live it.

Explain beliefs and teachings about sexual relationships before and outside marriage.

• Sex expresses deep commitment and only should take place in marriage. • Adultery is wrong, banned in Ten Commandments. • Catholics believe every act of sex should be within marriage	• Muslims believe sex is a gift from God. • It should only happen in marriage. • Adultery is wrong, which is seen a grave sin. • Sex before marriage is wrong.	• Humanists believe we have one life and should live it.

Explain attitudes to family planning and the use of different forms of contraception.

• Roman Catholics are against artificial methods. • Other Christians think it is okay in marriage. • Others believe that human life is important.	• Can be used within marriage, but should not be used to prevent children for life. • Some may use natural methods of contraception.	• Personal responsibility, can be used to protect each other.

Explain understanding of the nature and purpose of marriage.

• Marriage is a gift from God and a sacrament. • Safe place to bring up a family. • Many believe sex before marriage is wrong. • Some think that living together in a faithful marriage is important.	• Faithful partnership is the best way to bring up children. • It is what God intended. • Maybe arranged. Muslims should not cohabitate.

explain teachings about divorce

• Divorce is seen as adultery. • Roman Catholics are always against. • Other Christians think that it is okay in some circumstances. • Support is given to those who are experiencing problems. • Views differ on remarriage	• Muslims see divorce as a last resort. • Support from the family and community is given. • Couples continue to live together for three months, if there is no baby then divorce is allowed. • People can remarry

explain beliefs and teachings about the nature of families

• Jesus taught everyone to love one and another. • Families are where children learn to love. • Extended family passes on religious traditions. • Traditions tend to oppose same sex parents.	• Muslims live in extended families, who work to support together. • Mothers support the religious teaching in the family. Fathers take sons to the Mosque.

explain beliefs and teachings about the purpose of families	
• Families are seen as the building block of society. • Brings stability and protection of children. • Families have responsibilities to treat each other with human dignity and love. • Children are seen as gifts from God.	• Families provide a stable environment. • Children should show respect to adults. • Elderly relatives should be looked after.

explain beliefs, teachings and moral arguments about the roles of men and women	
• Everyone was created as equal. • Jesus taught women with respect • Some traditional Christians see the father as the head of the family. • Many see marriage as an equal partnership	• Men and women are equal but have different roles. • Women's rights are protected in marriage. • Women should have financial support. • Women should bring up children.

describe examples of gender prejudice and discrimination	
• God created everyone as equal. • Women cannot be Priests in Roman Catholicism. • Women can be bishops in the Church of England.	In some countries, there are laws that stop women doing things, but this is to do with cultural differences.