

Paper 2 – AQA Religious Studies Work Booklet

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Curiosity



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Integrity



Positivity



Reflection



Resilience

Section 1

Keywords - This section focuses on the keywords you will see in the Paper 2 section. You need to **write the full definition clearly and neatly** as the first two examples show. Now **create a flashcard** with the keyword on one side and the definition on the other to help retrieve this knowledge for your revision.

Religion and Relationships:

Keyword	Definition
Heterosexual	To be sexually attracted to someone of the opposite sex
Homosexual	To be attracted to someone of the same sex
Sex before marriage	
Sex outside of marriage	
Family planning	
Contraception	
Marriage	
Cohabitation	
Civil partnership	
Divorce	
Remarriage	
Annulment	
Nuclear family	
Polygamy	
Procreation	
Gender equality	
Gender discrimination	

Religion and Life:

Keyword	Definition
Fundamentalist Christians	Christians who believe the statements in the Bible are literally true.
Liberal Christians	Christians who believe the Bible's authors were guided by God but is not a literal account of what actually happened.
Big bang theory	
Stewardship	
Dominion	
Deforestation	
Khalifah	
Pollution	
Vegetarian	
Vegan	
Evolution	
Adaptation	
Sanctity of life	
Quality of life	
Enslavement	
Euthanasia	
Active euthanasia	
Passive euthanasia	
Barzakh	
Eternity	

Religion, Crime and Punishment:

Keywords	Definition
Crime	An offence which is punishable by law e.g. stealing, murder etc.
Punishment	Someone legally done to somebody as a result if found guilty of breaking the law.
Shariah Law	
Evil	
Poverty	
Mental illness	
Addiction	
Hate crime	
Retribution	
Deterrence	
Reformation	
Free will	
Corporal punishment	
Community service	
Forgiveness	
Death penalty	
Sanctity of life	
Hudud crimes	
Qisas crimes	

Religion, Peace and Conflict:

Keywords	Definitions
Justice	Bringing about what is right and fair according to the law or making up for a wrong that has been committed.
Forgiveness	Showing grace and mercy and pardoning someone for what they have done wrong.
Reconciliation	
Terrorism	
Protest	
Retaliation	
Self-defence	
Lesser jihad	
Nuclear weapons	
Weapons of mass destructions	
Chemical weapons	
Biological weapons	
Just war	
Holy war	
Pacifism	
Peacemaker	
Peace making	
Christian Aid	
Caritas	
Islamic relief	
Muslim Aid	

Section 2

Quotes: This section targets key quotes you need to memorise for the exam. In 12-mark answers, **breaking down and explaining what quotes mean in your own words, shows that you understand them.** Annotate the quotes like shown in the examples below, stating which topic they relate to. It could be more than one topic.

Religion and Relationships:

Context: Prophet Lot spoke God's words to address the sexual acts that occur outside of marriage.

Sections related to quote:

Sex outside of marriage

Homosexuality

Must you...lust after males and abandon the wives that God has created for you? You are exceeding all bounds." (Quran)

Goes against God's will and natural law as men and women were created as pairs to have children.

Context: This focuses more on killing a baby after it is born but some people have associated it with contraception.

Sections related to quote:

Contraception

"Do not kill your children for fear of poverty - we shall provide for them and for you." (Quran)

God is the ultimate provider, so artificial contraception may not be valid to reduce the number of children, especially if financial stability is the issue.

Using contraception stops the possibility of having a child which prevents God's plan.

Sections related to quote:

Contraception

Sex within marriage

"Every sexual act should have the possibility of creating new life." (Humanae Vitae)

The purpose of marriage is to have intercourse to produce children and express love - these should not be separated.

Religion and Relationship - Islam quotes

<u>Quote</u>	<u>Analyse the quote</u>	<u>Section it connects to</u>
"Marry those who are single among you for [God] will develop their moral traits." (Quran)		
"And do not go anywhere near adultery: it is an outrage and an evil path." (Quran)		
"God wishes to lighten your burden; man was created weak." (Quran)		
"There is no institution in Islam more beloved and dearer [to God] than marriage." (Quran)		
"...when any of you intend to divorce women, do so at a time when their prescribed waiting period..." (Quran)		
"Heaven is under the feet of the mothers." (Quran)		
"Honour your children and perfect their manners." (Hadith)		
"We created you all...made you into races and tribes so that you should recognise one another." (Quran)		
"It is one of the greatest sins that a man should curse his parents." (Hadith)		
"A man should not stay with a woman in seclusion unless he is a Dhu-Mahram [relative]." (Hadith)		

Religion and Relationships - Christianity quotes

<u>Quote</u>	<u>Analyse the quote</u>	<u>Section it connects to</u>
"Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable." (Bible)		
"You shall not commit adultery." (Bible)		
"Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." (Bible)		
"Be fruitful and multiply." (Bible)		
"That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh." (Bible)		
"Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her." (Bible)		
"Anyone who does not provide for their relatives...has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." (Bible)		
"Honour thy mother and father." (Bible)		
"There is neither Jew nor Greek...no is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Bible)		
"Your desire will be to your husband, and he will rule over you." (Bible)		

Religion and Life:

Sections related to quote:

Pollution

Abusing the environment

Use of animals

Value of the world

Human beings who pollute, abuse animals or the environment by wasting food, resources etc are dishonouring God's instructions.

"Every human act of irresponsibility towards creatures is an abomination [disgrace]." Christian statement made in the Assisi Declaration on Nature.

The world is on loan to humans and God has given humans responsibility to look after it.

Sections related to quote:

Abortion

Euthanasia

Sanctity of life

Sanctity of life - life is special and holds value, only God can take it away, otherwise they are committing sin.

If anyone kills a person...it is as if he kills all mankind, while if he saves a life, it is as if he saves the lives of all mankind."
(Quran)

Muslims should aim to save God's creation unless it affects the mother's health or the quality of life is poor (baby). Euthanasia should be avoided.

Sections related to quote:

Euthanasia

God already knows the individual might choose to end their life by being euthanised.

...all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." (Bible)

Book of Life - God has already predestined everyone's life, so Christians should trust His plan.

Religion and Life - Islam quotes

<u>Quote</u>	<u>Analyse the quote</u>	<u>Section it connects to</u>
"Your Lord is God, who created the heavens and earth in six Days..." (Qur'an)		
"It is He who has made you successors on the earth." (Qur'an)		
"Eat and drink (as We have permitted) but do not be extravagant: God does not like extravagant people." (Qur'an)		
"Do not seek from it more than what you need." (Qur'an)		
"All the creatures that crawl on the earth and those that fly with their wings are community." (Qur'an)		
"Whoever kills a sparrow or anything bigger than that without a just cause, God will hold him accountable on the Day of Judgement." (Qur'an)		
"You [humans] were lifeless and He gave you life." (Qur'an)		
"Do not kill your children for fear of poverty - We shall provide them and for you - killing them is a great sin." (Qur'an)		
"No soul may die except with God's permission at a predestined time." (Qur'an)		

Religion and Life - Christianity quotes

<u>Quote</u>	<u>Analyse the quote</u>	<u>Section it connects to</u>
"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Bible)		
"Rule over the fish in the sea...and over every living creature that moves on the ground." (Bible)		
"The earth is the LORD's; and everything in it." (Bible)		
"Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you." (Bible)		
"The righteous care for the needs of their animals." (Bible)		
"So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them." (Bible)		
"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." (Bible)		
"You shall not murder." (Bible)		
"Blessed are the merciful." (Bible)		
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (Bible)		

Religion, Crime and Punishment:

Good can come out of suffering. It is part of life and there is a meaning to suffering.

Sections related to quote:

Attitudes towards suffering

"We also glory in our suffering, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, character; and character, hope." (Bible)

Influences Christians to help people who are suffering to build their own characteristics to reflect that of Jesus. Suffering will be removed once in Heaven so humans must endure it now to be rewarded in the afterlife.

Sections related to quote:

Forgiveness

Christians should forgive others as in return God will forgive them.

"Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us." (The Lords' Prayer)

Influences Christians to confess their sins, forgive themselves and others and show agape.

Sections related to quote:

Forgiveness

Human beings are fallible so they can sin. There is no limit to God's forgiveness.

Pardon each other's faults and [God] will grant you honour." (Hadith)

Honour - respect will be given to those who are able to forgive people's sins with God granting them forgiveness too.

Religion, Crime and Punishment - Islam quotes

<u>Quote</u>	<u>Analyse the quote</u>	<u>Section it connects to</u>
"Those who do not judge according to what God has revealed are doing grave wrong." (Qur'an)		
"God commands justice...and prohibits wrongdoing, and injustice..." (Qur'an)		
"Be compassionate towards the destitute." (Qur'an)		
"We prescribed for them a life for a life, an eye for an eye..." (Qur'an)		
"Cut off the hands of thieves, whether they are man or woman, as punishment for what they have done - a deterrent from God." (Qur'an)		
"Let them pardon and forgive. Do you not wish that God should forgive you? God is most forgiving and merciful." (Qur'an)		
"...do not take life, which God has made sacred. Except by right. This is what He commands you to do: so that you may use your reason." (Qur'an)		
"...you are sure to be tested through your possessions and persons; you are sure to hear much that is hurtful...If you are steadfast and mindful of God, that is the best course." (Qur'an)		

Religion, Crime and Punishment - Christianity quotes

<u>Quote</u>	<u>Analyse the quote</u>	<u>Section it connects to</u>
"You have heard...'You shall not murder', and anyone who murders will be subject to judgement...anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgement." (Bible)		
"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established." (Bible)		
"...take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For...I was a prisoner and you visited me." (Bible)		
"Life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth." (Bible)		
"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Bible)		
"He who spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them." (Bible)		
"Forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times." (Bible)		
"I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn away from their ways and live." (Bible)		

Religion, Peace and Conflict:

Martyrdom is highly respected in Islam - willing to die for Islam shows their devotion and dedication to God.

Sections related to quote:

Lesser Jihad

"Let those of you who are willing to trade the life of the world for the life to come, fight in God's way. To anyone who fights in God's way, whether killed or victorious, We shall give a great reward." (Quran)

Muslims who are willing to become martyrs to fight in the name of Islam will be rewarded in the afterlife.

God has given permission to act if they are being oppressed.

Sections related to quote:

Reasons for war

Just War Theory

"...there is cause to act against those who oppress people and transgress in the land against all justice...though if a person is patient and forgives, this is one of the greatest things." (Quran)

For Muslims, forgiveness should be the first way to respond to oppression and transgression.

Greed and obsession with money form the basis of many kinds of sin.

Sections related to quote:

Reasons for war

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." (Bible)

Those who have sinned over material greed have self-inflicted this grief in their lives.

Religion, Peace and Conflict - Islam quotes

<u>Quote</u>	<u>Analyse the quote</u>	<u>Section it connects to</u>
"The servants of the Lord of Mercy are those who walk humbly on the earth, and who, when aggressive people address them, reply, with words of peace." (Qur'an)		
"Do not kill each other, God is merciful to you. If any of you does these things, out of hostility and injustice, We shall make him suffer Fire." (Qur'an)		
"Do not take life, which God has made sacred." (Qur'an)		
"Those who have been attacked are permitted to take up arms because they have been wronged - God has the power to help them." (Qur'an)		
"God does not like arrogant, boastful people, who are miserly and order other people to be the same, hiding the bounty God has given them." (Qur'an)		
"Fight in God's cause against those who fight you, but do not overstep the limits: God does not love those who overstep the limits." (Qur'an)		
"But if they [non-believers] incline towards peace, you [Prophet] must also incline towards it, and put your trust in God." (Qur'an)		

Religion, Peace and Conflict - Christianity quotes

<u>Quote</u>	<u>Analyse the quote</u>	<u>Section it connects to</u>
"Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore." (Bible)		
"But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also." (Bible)		
"If there is a serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth..." (Bible)		
"Put your sword back in its place,' Jesus said, 'for all who draw the sword die by the sword.'" (Bible)		
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Bible)		
"Do not repay anyone evil for evil...If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Bible)		

Section 3

Conclusions: This section focuses on constructing an opinion paragraph that is **both convincing and persuasive** to read for the examiner. **Read through and highlight key ideas you found convincing in the argument.** At the end of each opinion paragraph write down what you found the most convincing and what you found the least convincing and explain why.

Religion and Relationships:

'Marriage and remarriage can be justified.' (12 marks)

In response to the statement, I strongly believe that divorce and remarriage can be justified. Some marriages are forced marriages where individuals, especially young girls have not consented to be married. They might suffer emotional and physical abuse within these marriages, so to say that a divorce cannot be justified leaves them stuck in a situation which could lead them to take their own life. If the purpose of marriage is to express love for another person and celebrate your union with them, then divorce should be justified if love is no longer present within that relationship. I think couples should try to work through their problems first, recognising they have said, "for better, for worse," and they have become "one flesh," but ultimately, they are justified in finding new love if their marriage has failed.

Religion and Life: "Animals should never be used for human benefit."(12 marks)

In my opinion I disagree with the statement. I think the use of animals for meat should be limited due to environmental damage and cosmetic testing is unnecessary as it is not live-saving, but I believe that the use of animals in vivisection has and continues to be vital to benefit human life. Considering the many millions of people that have died throughout history from plagues and disease, it would appear irrational not to use some animals in order to develop vaccines to immunize humans; an argument which is even more convincing since Covid 19 spread globally. In the future I hope that all animal testing can be replaced by alternative methods, but at the moment we are not quite at that stage and so in the meantime responsible vivisection should continue to take place.

Religion, Crime and Punishment: "In the case of capital punishment, forgiveness is always a more preferable option than retribution." (12 marks)

In conclusion I agree with the statement, since repaying violence with more violence promotes a never-ending cycle of violence, one in which criminals have no opportunity to better themselves. I believe Jesus was making reference to this cycle when he said, 'put your sword back in its place, for those who draw the sword die by the sword.' Furthermore, in countries where capital punishment is given as retribution there are numerous examples of unfair application, including botched attempts, the killing of innocent people and the use of capital punishment to quiet protestors. Allowing for forgiveness does not mean that criminals have to go unpunished, but what is preferable is allowing them the chance to repent and reform within the prison system, since this demonstrates civility within society and shows a recognition that the causes of crime are complex; for example, poverty and a lack of education cause crime, and crime is not simply the product of greed or hatred.

Religion, Peace and Conflict: 'War can be just, so long as religious rules are applied.' (12 marks)

In my personal opinion I think the rules of war are useful in theory since they set boundaries in warfare, but in reality, they are outdated. Saladin fought with swords, but modern warfare involves missiles and rockets and so the death of innocent people as collateral damage and the destruction of property is inevitable. Furthermore, despite Quakers arguing negotiation is paramount, there are some leaders such as Hitler and Putin that seem to be outside the realms of negotiation and so rules such as war as a last resort appear to be outdated and unrealistic. In conclusion, the idea of a 'just' war seems to imply a degree of fairness, but most world leaders care more about political wins than what is fair for ordinary people, which means that war always leaves winners and losers.

Your own opinion paragraphs: You will then need to work through the next few pages on **developing your own opinion** to the statements provided.

Religion and Relationship: 'Same-sex parents are just as good at bringing up children as other parents.' (12 marks)

Religion and Life: 'Religious believers should not eat meat.' (12 marks)

Religion, Crime and Punishment: 'It is right to forgive all offenders whoever they are and whatever they have done.' (12 marks)

Religion, Peace and Conflict: 'The just war theory is the best religious response to whether it is right to fight.' (12 marks)



Create your own persuasive and convincing conclusions for these statements.

Religion and Relationship:

- 'Remarriage after divorce is not what God would approve of.' (12 marks)
- 'Men and women should have equal rights and roles.' (12 marks)
- 'All children should grow up with a mother and father.' (12 marks)

Religion and Life:

- 'Euthanasia is never right.' (12 marks)
- 'God created all life on Earth.' (12 marks)
- 'There is no justified reason for abortion.' (12 marks)

Religion, Crime and Punishment:

- 'There is no justified reason to break the law.' (12 marks)
- 'There is nothing wrong with sending a criminal to prison.' (12 marks)
- 'Greed is the main reason why individuals commit crimes.' (12 marks)

Religion, Peace and Conflict:

- 'There is no good reason for a country to have weapons of mass destruction.' (12 marks)
- 'Religious believers should never fight in wars.' (12 marks)
- 'War is the best way to solve problems between countries.' (12 marks)

Section 4:

Here are some past 12-mark questions that have come up in the exams. You will need to break down the statement and come up with a detailed plan for each one to help with your revision.

Religion and Relationship:

2021 - 'The most important purpose of a family is to educate children in a faith.' (12 marks)

2020 - 'Gender discrimination is always wrong.' (12 marks)

2019 - 'It is wrong to disapprove of homosexual relationships.' (12 marks)

2018 - 'For religious believers, sexual relationships should take place only within marriage.' (12 marks)

Religion and Life:

2021 - 'Death is not the end, there is an afterlife.' (12 marks)

2020 - 'It is possible to believe in both the Big Bang theory and religious teachings about the origins of the universe.' (12 marks)

2019 - 'Abortion should be allowed only when the mother's life is at risk.' (12 marks)

2018 - 'Abuse of the environment is impossible to stop.' (12 marks)

Religion, Crime and Punishment:

2021 - 'Religious believers should never agree with corporal punishment.' (12 marks)

2020 - 'Deterring people from committing crime is the best aim of punishment.' (12 marks)

2019 - 'There is nothing wrong with sending a criminal to prison.' (12 marks)

2018 - 'The death penalty should never be used.' (12 marks)

Religion, Peace and Conflict:

2021 - 'Greed or just wanting a better life are never good reasons for going to war.' (12 marks)

2020 - 'It is wrong for any country to have weapons of mass destruction.' (12 marks)

2019 - 'Religious believers should never fight in a war.' (12 marks)

2018 - 'War is the best way to solve problems between countries.' (12 marks)

Stretch and challenge:

If you aim to achieve grades 7-9 **creating resources or discussing topics** at home is a really useful way to revise.

Here's some extra **creative things you could do** to show your teacher that you really understand the topics covered.

Religion and Relationship:

- How does Andrew Tate promote gender inequality? How would Christians and Muslims respond to him? Discuss this with friends or family.
- Create a poster explaining the different family types and religious beliefs around each one.
- Create a 20-question quiz on Religion and Relationships for your partner in lessons to complete on this topic.

Religion and Life:

- Watch the BBC documentary: *Big Oil v the World* and write a persuasive piece on what religious people can do in response to this.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p0cgglvk/big-oil-v-the-world-series-1-3-delay>
- Create a concept map on the whole section of Religion and Life - you will start with a large circle at the top of the page with the title 'Religion and Life' and then begin adding circles with keywords and quotes that relate to the topic. You need to do this from your own memory.

Religion, Crime and Punishment:

- Watch at least one episode of the documentary series on BBC 1 - *Tagged* and create a table showing the positives and negatives of wearing a tag. Is it an effective form of punishment compared to prison, corporal punishment and community service?
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p06zh9hh/tagged-fresh-out-of-jail-episode-1?seriesId=p06zh9dl>
- Pick a recent news article that mentions a crime story. Write a summary of the story and tell me what type of punishment you would give the perpetrator with justification. Use religious teachings to explain your decision.

Religion, Peace and Conflict:

- Listen to 'The Grave' by Don McLean or find and read the lyrics. Write down your thoughts about what you have heard or read.
- Visit the Christian Aid and Islamic Relief website to find out more about the work that they do for victims of war. Create a speech to give to a radio appeal to raise money.