

## Is Marriage a good thing?

This unit will help you to consider the meaning of purpose of marriage to people of faith and in society. You will also consider non-religious viewpoints on marriage. The activities are designed to be useful for GCSE Religious Studies full or short course across all the exam boards.

You will need to have a good understanding of the content of your GCSE course to make the most of these activities, thinking carefully about where the learning in this unit fits in with your course of study. Please see the final page of this document, where you can link to relevant pages of your exam board's website and check what's on the specification for your course. It may also be helpful to look at past papers to get an idea of what sorts of questions may come up.

## Think it through! Is marriage a good thing?

Take a look at some of these facts about marriage in Britain today:  
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/marriagecohabitationandcivilpartnerships/bulletins/marriagesinenglandandwalesprovisional/2016>



Try to write at least three ideas for each of these different perspectives:	
Yes, marriage is good because...	No, marriage is NOT good because...

## Christian views on marriage

### Marriage in the Bible

Using a copy of the Bible or the Internet, look up the following passages:

Genesis 2:18-24

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+2%3A18-24&version=NIV>

1 Corinthians 7:1-5

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Cor+7%3A1-5&version=MSG>

Matthew 19:3-6

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matt+19%3A3-6&version=NIV>



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### What do Christian Churches say about marriage?

Anglican views:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/canons-church-england/section-b>

Catholic views:

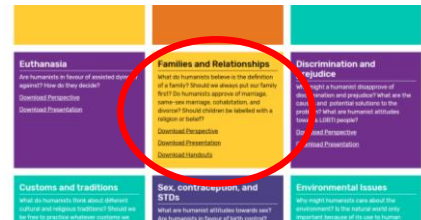
<https://www.foryourmarriage.org/meaning-and-purpose/>

### Humanist views on marriage

Read about Humanist perspectives on marriage here:

<https://understandinghumanism.org.uk/perspectives/>

Choose the 'Family and Relationships' resources.



### Give Me 5

Read the information above and write five Christians and Humanists views on marriage:

Christians	Humanists
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

Now do the same for the religion you are studying alongside Christianity, using what you have learnt in class. You might find it useful to look at the BBC Bitesize GCSE materials (see the last page of this document).

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5



## Evaluation question types for the different exam boards

Different exam boards have different ways of asking evaluation questions. When you see the 'evaluation practice' activities in the home learning materials, we will give you a statement to evaluate, and follow it with 'Discuss/evaluate'. Look up your exam board on the grid below to remind yourself of the exact wording you will see on the exam paper for an evaluation question, and how many marks you can earn from them.

<b>AQA – 12 marks</b>  Evaluate this statement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• refer to the teaching of the religion in question</li><li>• give reasoned arguments to support the statement</li><li>• give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view</li><li>• reach a justified conclusion.</li></ul>	<b>Eduqas and WJEC – 15 marks</b>  Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. Refer to religion and belief.
<b>OCR – 15 marks</b>  Discuss this statement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analyse and evaluate the importance of points of view, referring to common and divergent views within the religion in question</li><li>• Refer to sources of wisdom and authority.</li></ul>	<b>Pearson Edexcel – 15 marks</b>  Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• refer to teachings of the religions in question</li><li>• refer to different religious points of view</li><li>• reach a justified conclusion.</li></ul>

## BBC Bitesize GCSE Religious Studies Resources

The BBC Bitesize website has GCSE Religious Studies resources for each of the exam boards. You will find basic information relating to the topics that you need to learn about as well as useful videos and quizzes to test your knowledge and understanding. You can find these by following the link or QR code below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zb48q6f>



## GCSE Religious Studies web pages for Exam Boards

The GCSE lessons to take away from RE Today have been designed to help with all the GCSE specifications available, whatever exam board you use at your school.

It is very important, especially when working at home, that you know which exam board and specification you are following. If you're not sure, have a look at your school's website or contact your teacher online, e.g. by email.

The exam boards' websites have detailed information about the course you are studying. They also have past exam papers and mark schemes. Some of them have free learning resources for you to download and use as well. Here are the links and QR codes that will take you directly to the GCSE Religious Studies pages for each of the exam boards.

<b>AQA</b>		<a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062</a>
<b>Eduqas</b>		<a href="https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies/gcse/">https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies/gcse/</a>
<b>OCR</b>		<a href="https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/religious-studies-j625-j125-from-2016/">https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/religious-studies-j625-j125-from-2016/</a>
<b>Pearson Edexcel</b>	 	Specification A (Faith in Practice in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century): <a href="https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/religious-studies-a-2016.html">https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/religious-studies-a-2016.html</a>  Specification B (Beliefs in Action) <a href="https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/religious-studies-b-2016.html">https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/religious-studies-b-2016.html</a>
<b>WJEC (Wales)</b>		<a href="https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies/r-religious-studies-gcse-2017/">https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies/r-religious-studies-gcse-2017/</a>

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