Now Test Yourself: Answers

3.1 The role and purpose of families

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1. What model does the Bible give for families?
   Father, mother and children is the model.

2. State what courses the Church of England recommends that every diocese should run.
   The Church of England recommends marriage preparation courses and parenting courses.

3. What does Exodus 20:12 teach children about how they should treat their parents?
   Children should honour and respect their parents.

3.2 Marriage

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1. State the three blessings that marriage offers.
   The three blessings are the procreation and nurture of children, the correct place for sexual relationships, and help and comfort through all aspects of life.

2. In what way is a Christian marriage meant to reflect Christ’s love?
   Christ is forever committed to his church and in marriage the bride and groom should be committed to one another until death parts them.

3. Describe one way in which a Catholic marriage service is different to one in the Church of England.
   Weddings in a Catholic Church often include a nuptial mass and the couple may be involved as ministers of the sacrament. This does not usually occur in an Anglican service.

4. Why is there no minister to lead proceedings in a Quaker marriage service?
   No minister is involved in a Quaker marriage service as they believe that only God can join a couple together.

5. What does the Quaker approach to marriage stress about the union that is being created?
   It stresses that the union is being made between the couple and God.

3.3 Other types of sexual relationships

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1. What do the Catholic Church and the Church of England believe about civil partnerships?
   Civil partnerships are not the proper relationship for sexual relations, it should be within a heterosexual relationship.

2. Give a reason why some Christians believe that civil partnerships should be accepted by the Church.
   Some Christians believe that civil partnerships should be accepted in the Church as this fits with the biblical teaching on the value of love and God’s desire to bless those who are faithful.

3. When did same-sex marriages become legal in England and Wales?
   2014 saw same-sex marriages become legal in England and Wales.

4. How does the Episcopal Church teaching on same-sex marriage compare with that of the Catholic Church?
   The Episcopal Church accepts same-sex marriage in the church whereas the Church of England does not.
5. Give a reason why many Christians disagree with pre-marital sex.
Many Christians disagree with pre-marital sex because the main role of sex is to create new life and this should be within the context of a stable married relationship.

6. Give a reason why some Christians accept cohabitation.
Some Christians accept cohabitation as the first step towards marriage and lifelong commitment.

7. What denomination requires its ministers to remain celibate?
The Catholic Church requires its ministers to remain celibate.

3.4 Contraception

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1. What is the difference between artificial and natural contraception?
Artificial contraception uses contraceptive devices such as a condom whereas natural contraception reduces the likelihood of conception using natural techniques such as the withdrawal method.

2. What does the Catholic Church teach about contraception?
The Church opposes the use of artificial contraception as sex was given by God for procreation.

3. Does the Church of England agree or disagree with this teaching?
The Church of England disagrees and argues that families should be planned responsibly and that contraception is acceptable.

4. What is abstinence?
Abstinence is the choice to not have sexual intercourse until marriage.

5. How might the teaching in 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 influence a person's attitudes towards sex?
Christians may believe that part of honouring God with their body will include sexual abstinence until marriage.

3.5 When relationships end

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1. Why does the Catholic Church not accept divorce?
It does not accept divorce because the vows promise marriage until death and God does not recognise the human decision to break this promise.

2. Give a Bible quote that could be used to support this teaching.
Mark 10:11–12 could be used to support this teaching.

3. If a couple are experiencing difficulties, what does the Catholic Church suggest that they do?
They can separate and then seek support and counselling to restore their marriage.

4. How is the Church of England teaching different from the Catholic teaching?
The Church of England accepts that humans can make mistakes and relationships may break down beyond repair. In these cases it accepts divorce, although it is not the pattern for living that God would want.

5. Which Bible quote suggests that adultery may be a reason for divorce?
Matthew 5:31–32 suggests that adultery may be a reason for divorce.
3.6 Roles of men and women

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1. What do Christian complementarians believe about the roles of men and women?
They believe the role of the wife is to support the husband by managing the family home and raising the children.

2. How is the Christian egalitarian view different?
Egalitarians would argue that men and women have equal roles and responsibilities in the home.

3. Which church leans more towards the complementarian perspective?
The Roman Catholic Church leans more towards the complementarian perspective.

4. State three reasons why only men are allowed to be ordained in the Catholic Church.
Three reasons that only men are allowed to be ordained in the Catholic Church are:
• Jesus chose only male disciples
• priests represent Jesus and Jesus was a man
• the authority of the Church has been passed on through men and this tradition cannot be broken.

5. List three reasons given by Christians who support the ordination of women.
Three reasons given to support female ordination are:
• Jesus came to break down barriers between people
• Jesus followed the tradition of the time and that is why his disciples were male. If Jesus was on Earth now, he would have female disciples
• God created women as well as men in his image.

6. State three things a Christian parent may aim to do as they bring up their children.
Three things a Christian parent may aim to do as they bring up their children are:
• discipline them and bring them up as obedient children
• bring them up with a knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith
• pray for their children and incorporate their faith into their daily lives.

3.7 Equality

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1. What do Christians understand about equality from Galatians 3:28?
They understand that all people are equal regardless of gender, race or social class.

2. What do Christians believe about the truth claims of other religions?
Many Christians do not accept the truth claims of other religions.

3. Outline why some Christians choose to become missionaries.
Christians become missionaries as they believe that accepting Jesus as saviour is the only way that God can be known. For that reason they dedicate their lives to sharing their faith with others so that people may be converted.

3.8 Gender prejudice and discrimination

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1. What does prejudice mean?
Prejudice is when a person makes a judgement about a person or situation before knowing all the facts.
2. **What do egalitarians believe about the way men and women should be treated?**
Egalitarians believe that people should be treated equally and have equal opportunities.

3. **Give a reason why complementarian Christians believe that men and women should have different roles.**
Complementarians believe men and women should have different roles because that is how God created male and female to be, supporting one another.