**Theme A: Relationships and Families**

Explain contrasting beliefs on the following three issues with reference to the main religious tradition in Britain (Christianity) and one or more other religious traditions:

- Contraception.
- Sexual relationships before marriage.
- Homosexual relationships.

**Sex, marriage and divorce**

- Human sexuality including: heterosexual and homosexual relationships.

**Sexual relationships before and outside of marriage.**

**Contraception and family planning.**

**The nature and purpose of marriage.**

**Same-sex marriage and cohabitation.**

**Divorce, including reasons for divorce, and remarrying.**

**Ethical arguments related to divorce, including those based on the sanctity of marriage vows and compassion.**

**Families and gender equality:**

- The nature of families, including:
- The role of parents and children, extended families and the nuclear family.

**The purpose of families, including:**

- Procreation
- Stability and the protection of children

**Educating children in a faith.**

- Contemporary family issues including:
- Same-sex parents
- Polygamy

**The roles of men and women.**

- Gender equality.
- Gender prejudice and discrimination, including examples.