

1. 1. Which of the following is not an acceptable reason for sex according to most Christians? [1 mark]

A) burning with lust    B) procreation    C) consummate marriage    D) for money

2. Give two reasons why sex before marriage is more popular than it once was. [2 marks]

Easily available contraception/ it is now socially acceptable/ it is legal/ it is encouraged by the media/ abortion is legal

3. Explain two reasons why Christians may disagree with sex before marriage. [4 marks]

Goes against the Bible's teaching/ is considered adultery > "Do not commit adultery" – one of the 10 Commandments/ sex creates a special bond – why do that with someone you won't stay with/ sex should be open to procreation, children need stability

4. Explain two religious teachings about why adultery is considered wrong. [5 marks]

One of the 10C "Do not commit adultery"/ can end marriage/ causes pain for partner and children/ causes mistrust/ Jesus forgave the woman in adultery but said "Go and sin no more"

5. 'There is no harm in having sex before marriage.'

[12 marks]

Some agree:

Easily available contraception > low to no risk of pregnancy > therefore no unwanted children

it is now socially acceptable > religions should reflect society and adapt to fit the context and time

it is legal

it is encouraged by the media/ abortion is legal/ if both adults consent it is fine/ if no one is committing adultery it is acceptable: no victim, no crime

Some disagree:

The Bible is clear that sex is to be shared with one other in one relationship for life "for this reason a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife and the two become one flesh".

Sex creates a special bond > by sharing sex with people who you are not married to, you dilute the power of that bond so it will be less special when you do eventually marry

No contraception is 100% effective > sex before marriage can lead to an unwanted child or the prospect of terminating them