## DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

1. Which of the following means a ruling that a marriage was never valid? [1 mark]
A) civil partnership B) divorce C) civil marriage D) annulment

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[2 marks]

[5 marks]

2. Give two reasons why a marriage may break down.

Addiction/ domestic abuse/ inability to have children/ work or money pressures/ adultery/ illness/ people changing

- 3. Explain two things Christians can do to support marriages in church. [4 marks] Provide "Marriage preparation classes" so that couples know what they are getting into and how to make it work. Pray for couples/ provide counselling/ parenting courses/ marriage courses/ mentor younger couples
- 4. Explain two religious teachings on remarriage.

It is adultery> Jesus teaching> "anyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her" It is a special mitzvah to marry a divorced person in Judaism 5. 'A religious marriage should never end in divorce.'

Some agree:

Many Christians do not recognise divorce> Jesus teaching: "anyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her" Catholic church does not allow divorce> only annulment in specific circumstances Marriage is for life "till death us do part"

Marriage is committed "for better for worse"

Divorce is harmful to children

Some disagree:

People make mistakes "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" and need forgiveness "forgive them father, they know not what they do" Christianity is all about second chances> prodigal son/woman caught in adultery

Jesus permitted divorce if adultery had occurred

God would not want one of his beloved children to stay in an abusive marriage

[12 marks]

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