GENDER EQUALITY

Theme A Relationships & Families

- 1. 1. Which of the following means having a fixed idea of how men and women will behave?
 - A) Gender equality B) sexual stereotyping C) transgender D) gender discrimination
- 2. Give two examples of gender discrimination. [2 marks]

Not giving a woman a physical job/ picking for a sports team because she is thought "may not be physically able". Not having baby-change facilities in a men's public toilet etc. N.B. Example must be about how someone is *treated*.

3. Explain two Christian teachings about gender.

[4 marks]

There are two genders, "male and female he created them" Genesis 1. Men and women are equal but different "made in the image of God".

4. Explain two religious beliefs about gender equality.

[5 marks]

Men and women are equal "male and female he created them".

Galatians 3:28 "there is no... male or female.. You are all one in Christ Jesus."

Many Jews and Christians believe in complementarianism – the belief that men and women are equal but different and they complement each other

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5. 'Men and women are not equal.'

[12 marks]

Some agree:

Few Christians and Jews interpret the Bible to mean that men are superior to women, that they are not equal.

Eve disobeyed God first and gave fruit to Adam. In the curse: "your desire will be for your husband and he will rule over you"

In Orthodox Judaism only men can be rabbis, in Catholicism only men can be priests In the New Testament, in the book of Ephesians, Paul teaches that a man is the head of the marriage and that the wife should submit to him

Some disagree:

Men and women are equal but different. They complement each other as they have different roles to play.

In Ephesians all believers, male and female are told to "submit to one another"
The man's role includes having authority and the wife to submit to him. The man is
told to love his wife "as Christ loves the church"

Liberal Christians and reform Jews teach that men are women are totally equal and each can plan any role.