

1. 1. Which of the following means a couple living together and having sex outside of marriage? [1 mark]
A) civil partnership B) **cohabitation** C) co-parenting D) co-operation
2. Give two of the Christian marriage vows. [2 marks]
To have and to hold/ from this day forward/ for better for worse/ for richer for poorer/ in sickness and in health/ to love and to cherish/ till death us do part
3. Explain two aspects of the nature of marriage. [4 marks]
Life-long> till death us do part
Loving> to love and to cherish
Committed> no matter what> for better for worse/richer for poorer
4. Explain two aspects of the purpose of marriage. [5 marks]
The correct place for sex> “one flesh”
The correct place for having children> “be fruitful and increase in number”

5. 'Same-sex marriage is not true marriage.'

[12 marks]

Some agree:

Marriage was the “legal union of a man and a woman” for millennia, only in the past decade has the definition changed so that same sex couples can be married

The Bible is clear that marriage is for heterosexual couples “a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife and they become one flesh”

Adam and Eve were the archetype couple for humans to emulate

Most churches, including the Anglican and Catholic churches do not recognise same sex marriage as true marriage

Homosexuality is described as sinful throughout the Bible

Some disagree:

The law has changed > same-sex marriage is marriage and churches need to catch up

All humans are made in God’s image and so all love is valid

Jesus never mentioned homosexuality so it is acceptable

Jesus taught “do not judge” and “love your neighbour” > Christians should be loving, accepting and non-judgemental of same sex marriages