

## **THEME B RELIGION AND LIFE - KEY WORDS AND FACTS - Multiple Choice Questions**

**1. The belief that human life is sacred (special, set apart) because we are made in God's "image."**

a. sanctity of life	b. quality of life	c. dominion of life	d. utility of life
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**2. How good or comfortable a person's life is**

a. sanctity of life	b. quality of life	c. dominion of life	d. utility of life
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**3. Denomination which teaches that life begins at conception and therefore abortion is murder**

a. Roman Catholics	b. Quakers	c. Church of England	d. Liberals
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**4. Denomination which teaches that abortion is sometimes the lesser of two evils**

a. Roman Catholics	b. Quakers	c. Church of England	d. Liberals
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**5. Assisted suicide. Literally 'a good death'**

a. euphoria	b. euthanasia	c. euphemism	d. eulogy
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**6. According to Christians, something that humans have but animals don't**

a. personality	b. spirit	c. mind	d. soul
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**7. Christians who believe that the creation account in Genesis is literally true**

a. Fundamentalists	b. Liberals	c. Roman Catholics	d. Quakers
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**8. The belief that the earth is God's and we have a responsibility to look after it.**

a. dominion	b. stewardship	c. awe	d. salvation
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**9. The belief that humans have been given the earth to rule over**

a. dominion	b. stewardship	c. awe	d. salvation
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**10. Sense of wonder at the universe, often linked to the thought that God is involved in it.**

a. bewilderment	b. stupefaction	c. outrage	d. awe
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**11. According to Genesis, Eve was made from...**

a. dust	b. Adam's rib	c. breath of life	d. nothing
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**12. A home that provides care for the terminally ill**

a. hospital	b. hostel	c. hospice	d. hospitium
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**THEME B RELIGION AND LIFE – IS ABORTION EVER THE RIGHT THING TO DO?**

**ARGUMENT A**

Murder is killing an innocent person. Abortion is killing an innocent person. Therefore, abortion is a form of infanticide (child murder), is morally wrong and is never the right thing to do. An unborn baby cannot speak up for itself and is the innocent victim. An unwanted baby can be given a loving home by a couple who cannot have a baby of their own.

**ARGUMENT B**

To argue that aborting an embryo that is the size of a grain of rice and that doesn't have a brain or a spinal cord is a 'person' is wrong. It is a potential person in the same way that an acorn is a potential oak tree. Abortion is sometimes the right thing to do for all sorts of reasons e.g. following a rape or where the birth would cause harm to the mother.

Which argument do you find most persuasive and why?

**THEME B RELIGION AND LIFE – SHOULD EUTHANASIA BE LEGAL?**

**ARGUMENT A**

Everyone should have the right to die. If a person is experiencing extreme mental or physical pain they should have the human right for a doctor to put them painlessly to death. If they don't they will resort to suicide, which can create more trauma and suffering for the families and emergency services who have to deal with it.

**ARGUMENT B**

We can't allow a society where people are put to death because they feel like it. Most people experience suicidal thoughts at some point in their lives. People who feel suicidal should be helped through counselling and those with terminal illnesses should be able to enjoy their life as much as possible in somewhere like a hospice.

Which argument do you find most persuasive and why?

**THEME B RELIGION AND LIFE – SHOULD MEDICINES BE TESTED ON ANIMALS?**

**ARGUMENT A**

Animals are not as important as humans because they do not have a soul and they don't have the same capacity for suffering. If, by experimenting on animals such as mice, we can develop cures for diseases such as cancer then that is what we should do. The life of a child is more valuable than the life of a mouse.

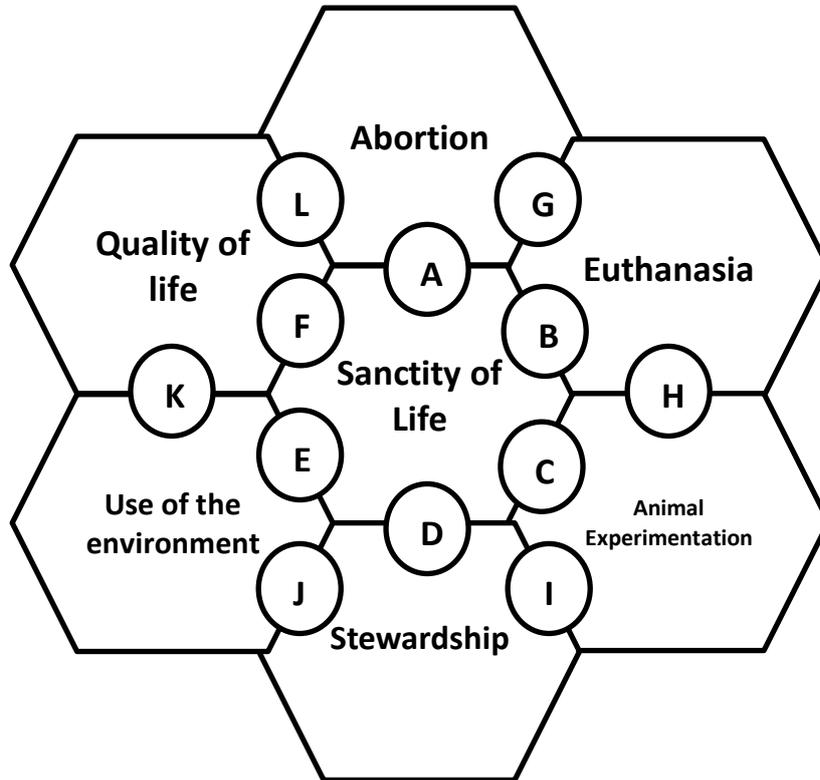
**ARGUMENT B**

Suffering is suffering no matter who or what experiences it. Animals can obviously feel suffering and therefore it is wrong to mistreat them. Instead, all medical experimentation should take place with human volunteers who know the risks. It would be better, for example, to use volunteer prisoners in exchange for shorter sentences than use innocent animals.

Which argument do you find most persuasive and why?

**CONNECTION HEXAGONS – THEME B – RELIGION & LIFE**

In each hexagon there is a different key term linked to **relationships and families**.  
Using the table at the bottom see if you can write about the link between each term according to the letter.



A.	B.	C.	D.
E.	F.	G.	H.
I.	J.	K.	L.

**THEME B – RELIGION AND LIFE**

There are different views amongst Christians about abortion. Why?

Almost all Christians and Buddhists are opposed to euthanasia. Why?

Christians are usually in favour of testing medicines on animals. Why?

Many Christians believe that, although religious and scientific accounts of creation are different, they are compatible. Why?

Christians and Buddhists are opposed to the abuse of environment and pollution. Why?

Christians believe that human life is sacred and uniquely valuable. Why?

Assessment practice! – try and complete the following in 25 minutes. Once you have finished it:

## GO BACK OVER IT WITH A RED PEN AND IMPROVE YOUR ANSWERS

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**Theme B: Religion and life**

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Which **one** of the following means that human life is precious and sacred?

**[1 mark]**

- A Quality of life
- B Meaning of life
- C Length of life
- D Sanctity of life

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Give **two** reasons why some religious people do not eat meat.

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Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about euthanasia.

In your answer, you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

**[4 marks]**

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Explain **two** religious beliefs about how peoples' actions in this life affect what happens to them in the afterlife.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer.

**[5 marks]**

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