

## RELIGION PEACE AND CONFLCIT



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Class

Key info from topic

**THEME D RELIGION, PEACE AND CONFLICT - KEY WORDS AND FACTS - Multiple Choice Questions**

**1. Most Christians believe that violence is wrong because of the teaching of Jesus to “turn the other \_\_\_\_\_”**

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| a. chop | b. cheek | c. face | d. jowl |
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**2. NOT an example of WMD (weapons of mass destruction)**

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| a. nuclear weapons | b. chemical weapons | c. biological weapons | d. conventional weapons |
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**3. Some Christians support the stockpiling of nuclear weapons as a \_\_\_\_\_**

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| a. deterrent | b. detriment | c. detergent | d. detainment |
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**4. The belief that war is always wrong**

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| a. humanism | b. pacifism | c. fatalism | d. peacifism |
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**5. Christian denomination that is totally opposed to war**

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| a. Catholics | b. Liberals | c. Quakers | d. Church of England |
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**6. Bringing about what is right or fair**

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| a. hospice | b. avarice | c. justice | d. artifice |
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**7. Giving up your anger or resentment towards someone who has wronged you**

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|----------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|
| a. forgiveness | b. reconciliation | c. pacifism | d. retribution |
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**8. Restoring friendly relationships after a conflict**

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| a. forgiveness | b. reconciliation | c. pacifism | d. retribution |
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**9. The Christian theory that war is sometimes acceptable**

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| a. Just War theory | b. Fair War theory | c. Good War theory | d. Holy War |
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**10. A war fought for a religious cause, such as defending your religion**

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| a. Sacred War | b. Christian War | c. Religious War | d. Holy War |
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**11. A Catholic in Northern Ireland who organised marches and other events to try and stop the violence**

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| a. Mother Teresa | b. Mairead Corrigan | c. John Hume | d. Mairead Maguire |
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**12. A Catholic charity that provided food and shelter to refugees fleeing the Syrian war**

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| a. Caritas | b. Tearfund | c. The Samaritans | d. Amnesty International |
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**THEME D RELIGION, PEACE & CONFLICT – IS VIOLENCE ALWAYS IMMORAL?**

**ARGUMENT A**

Violence is sometimes necessary to prevent a greater evil. For example, violence against property during a protest can help to draw attention to unjust laws. Sometimes violence is necessary in self-defence or to protect the innocent. If for example, you saw someone being assaulted or raped and the only way to stop it was through violence then you should be violent.

**ARGUMENT B**

Violence is never the right thing to do and we should always try to solve our problems through discussion and compromise. When we use violence the bigger or stronger person wins, not necessarily the person who is right. People like Gandhi and MLK have shown how it is possible to use peaceful protest to change unjust laws.

Which argument do you find most persuasive and why?

**THEME D RELIGION, PEACE & CONFLICT – SHOULD COUNTRIES POSSESS WMDs?**

**ARGUMENT A**

No country should possess WMDs (nuclear, chemical or biological weapons). These weapons are designed to kill innocents and should never be used during war. Furthermore, if they exist they can be used by terrorists or other people who want to kill innocent people. Imagine what would have happened if Da'esh had had a nuclear weapon.

**ARGUMENT B**

Part of the reason why there has not been a world war since 1945 is because of the existence of WMDs, particularly nuclear weapons. Countries do not fire on other countries because they will both be destroyed. Possession of WMDs, especially nuclear weapons, is necessary as a deterrent and helps world peace.

Which argument do you find most persuasive and why?

**THEME D RELIGION, PEACE & CONFLICT – SHOULD WE ALL BE PACIFISTS?**

**ARGUMENT A**

Consider this: A single evil and determined man with a knife could kill a city full of true pacifists. They would all have to stand by while he stabbed the others; children, old people, everyone. This fact alone shows how pacifism fails. A commitment to pacifism is a commitment to standing by while evil men do whatever they want. Sometimes war is just.

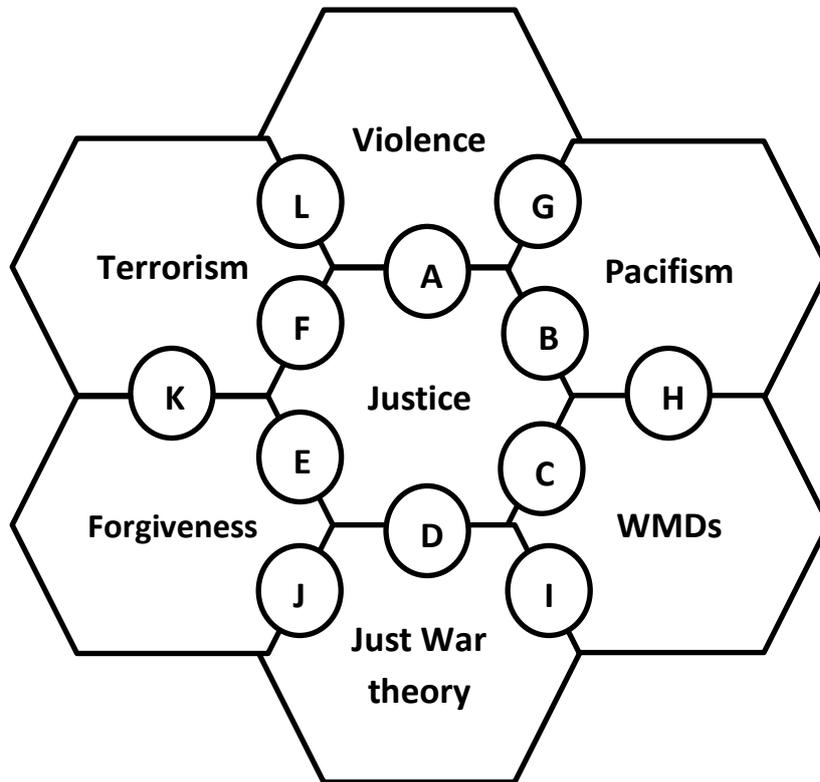
**ARGUMENT B**

War can never be the answer to the question of how we live together on this planet. The greatest acts of evil committed have been done in the name of war. Pacifism does not mean standing by. It means using every means other than violence to bring about an end to conflict. Tell the Syrian mother weeping over her dead children that war is just.

Which argument do you find most persuasive and why?

**CONNECTION HEXAGONS – THEME D – RELIGION, PEACE & CONFLICT**

In each hexagon there is a different key term linked to **religion, peace and conflict**. 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 D – RELIGION, PEACE AND CONFLICT**

There are different views amongst Christians about the use of violence. Why?

Some Christians support countries possessing nuclear weapons. Why?

Some Christians, such as Quakers, are absolute pacifists. Why?

Christians believe that forgiveness is extremely important. Why?

Many Christians believe that war is sometimes just. Why?

Some Christians and Christian organisations work to support the victims of war. Why?

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**Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict**

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Religions teach that people should live together in peace and harmony.

Which **one** of the following means to become friends again after a relationship has broken down?

**[1 mark]**

- A To reform
- B To be reconciled
- C To have justice
- D To retaliate

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Give **two** reasons why many religious believers are against violent protest.

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Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about nuclear weapons.

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

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Explain **two** religious beliefs which show that all acts of terrorism are wrong.

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

**[5 marks]**

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