



## Knowledge organiser: Religious Studies Year 8 Academy Assessment



### Key concepts

To develop knowledge and understanding of some moral issues including abortion and capital punishment. To understand and apply religious beliefs, teachings, and sources of wisdom and authority.

### Structure

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| 1) Define  | (2 marks) |
| 2) Outline | (3 marks) |
| 3) Explain | (4 marks) |

### Knowledge mapping

Christian attitudes to some moral issues:			
Abortion		Capital punishment	
Arguments for	Arguments against	Arguments for	Arguments against
Some Christians are pro-choice.	God breathed life into humans ( <i>Genesis 1:27</i> ).	'An eye for an eye' – for some it is fair retribution.	Against the Sanctity of life.
Sometimes the Sanctity of life can be broken.	God planned everyone before they existed ( <i>Jeremiah 1:5</i> ).	Justice is served.	The criminal does not have the chance to reform.
Not all believe life starts at conception.	Some believe life starts at conception. Pro-life.	Capital punishment is legal in some countries.	It doesn't allow time for forgiveness or show compassion.

#### What are moral issues?

The following websites shares some useful information:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-gcse-matters-of-life-and-death/zy24bqt>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zhbqf4j/revision/1>

### Keywords

<b>Moral</b>	To do the right thing / a good action.
<b>Immoral</b>	Doing something that is considered wrong.
<b>Sanctity of life</b>	The belief that all life is God-given and sacred / holy.
<b>Quality of life</b>	Standard of health, comfort and happiness enjoyed by an individual.
<b>Genesis</b>	The first book in the Old Testament ('In the beginning').
<b>Abortion</b>	The termination of a foetus during pregnancy.
<b>Conception</b>	The act of conception (to become pregnant).
<b>Pro-life</b>	Holding the belief that the foetus has a right to life.
<b>Pro-choice</b>	Holding the belief that the mother should be able to choose whether to have an abortion.
<b>Capital punishment</b>	The death penalty – the legalised killing of a person for committing a crime.
<b>The Ten Commandments</b>	Ten laws instructing people how to live – given to Moses by God.