

5. Society

The relationship between religion and society, including issues such as how religions adapt when encountering different cultures; religious tolerance, respect and recognition and views of other religions and non-religious worldviews; religion, equality and discrimination; the political and social influence of religious institutions

Topic	Content	Key Knowledge
Gender and society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The effects of changing views of gender and gender roles on Christian thought and practice, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christian teaching on the roles of men and women in the family and society ○ Christian responses to contemporary secular views about the roles of men and women in the family and society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • including reference to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ephesians 5:22–33 ○ <i>Mulieris Dignitatem</i> 18–19 • the ways in which Christians have adapted and challenged changing attitudes to family and gender, including issues of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ motherhood/parenthood ○ different types of family
	<p>Learners should have the opportunity to discuss issues related to Christian responses to changing views of gender and gender roles, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether or not official Christian teaching should resist current secular views of gender • whether or not secular views of gender equality have undermined Christian gender roles • whether or not motherhood is liberating or restricting • whether or not the idea of family is entirely culturally determined 	
	<p>Suggested scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority <i>Learners will be given credit for referring to any appropriate scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority, however the following examples may prove useful</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tong, R. (2013) <i>Feminist Thought</i>, Routledge, Chapter 1 • McGrath, A. E. (2010 5th Edition) <i>Christian Theology</i>, Wiley-Blackwell, pages 88–89, 336–337 • Messer, N. (2006) <i>SCM Study Guide to Christian Ethics</i>, SCM Press, Chapter 8. • Ephesians 5:21–33 	