

Topic	Content	Key Knowledge
Liberation Theology and Marx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relationship of liberation theology and Marx, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marx's teaching on alienation and exploitation ○ liberation theology's use of Marx to analyse social sin ○ liberation theology's teaching on the 'preferential option for the poor' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alienation occurs when humans are dehumanised and unable to live fulfilling lives • exploitation occurs when humans are treated as objects and used as a means to an end • liberation theology's use of Marxist analysis to analyse the deeper or 'structural' causes of social sin that have resulted in poverty, violence and injustice, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ capitalism ○ institutions (for example schools, churches, the state) • the view that the Gospel demands that Christians must give priority to the poor and act in solidarity with them, including implications of this: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ placing right action (orthopraxis) before official Church teaching (orthodoxy)
<p>Learners should have the opportunity to discuss issues related to liberation theology and Marx, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether or not Christian theology should engage with atheist secular ideologies • whether or not Christianity tackles social issues more effectively than than Marxism • whether or not liberation theology has engaged with Marxism fully enough • whether or not it is right for Christians to prioritise one group over another 		
<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"> • Boff, L. and Boff, C. (1987) <i>Introducing Liberation Theology</i>, Burns and Oates • Gutierrez, G. (1974/2000) <i>A Theology of Liberation</i>, SCM Press, Chapter 4 • Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith (1984) <i>Instruction on Certain Aspects of the 'Theology of Liberation'</i> • Wilcockson, M. (2011) <i>Christian Theology</i>, Hodder Education, Chapter 7 		