

What are Islamic beliefs about the family, marriage + divorce?

Starter:

Challenge:

Identify two beliefs a Muslim may have about family life.

More challenging:

Why is marriage so important in Islam?

Mega challenge:

Explain one reason why divorce could prove controversial to a religious person.



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(8-9) A developed understanding of Islamic attitudes, demonstrating your ability to use religious quotes from numerous sources and religions to argue on both sides of a statement and provide an evaluative conclusion on a practice exam question.

Key words:

Haram - forbidden by Islamic law.

Fornication - sex before (or outside of) marriage.

Silatur rahm - bonds of kinship promoting family co-operation

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Task One – watch the clips and choose a set of challenge questions to answer on your sheet.



Islam: Marriage and Family

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4aLfpjmtvE>

(watch up to 7:35)

Challenging

1. Name TWO things that you shouldn't do to your parents.
2. Why is it so important to set a good example for your children?

More Challenging

1. What is the significance of 'uff'?
2. Why do you think that so many parents seem to 'overreact' to their children?

Mega Challenging

1. How effective do you find the analogy at the beginning? Why?
2. What would be the characteristics of an 'excellent relationship' between parents and children? List at least 5 points, with clear examples.

Task Two:

Debate and literacy focus plenary

- What do you think?

'The advice from the Qur'an about children is just as relevant today as it was when it was first written down..'

Complete the debate preparation sheet at your challenge level and we will come together as a class to discuss our ideas (and argue about them!) in ten minutes.



Debate and literacy
"The advice from the Qur'an about children is just as relevant today as it was when it was first written down."
To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Challenging
Answer the question above, using the sentence starters below:

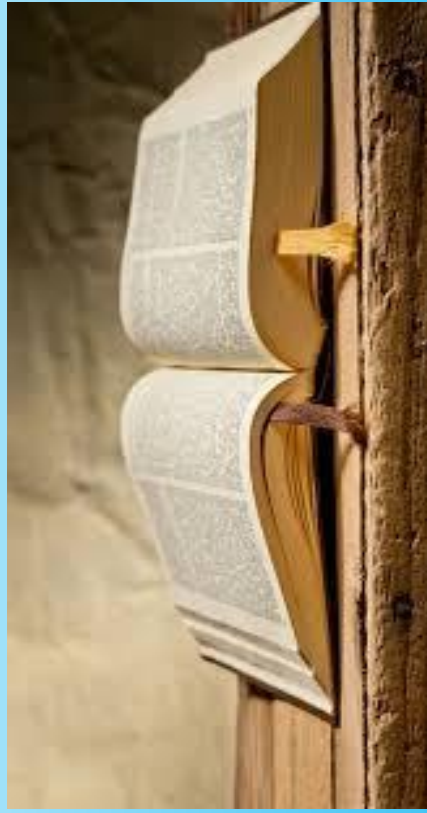
I mostly / completely agree / disagree with the statement.
One reason why I do / don't agree is...
A Christian / Muslim person might say...
Therefore, I believe that...

More Challenging
Answer the question above. In your answer, show that you have considered both sides of the argument, including a range of religious perspectives. Use PEEL (Point, Evidence, Explain, Link) to structure each of your points.

More Challenging
Answer the question above. Evaluate the effectiveness of arguments from a range of religious perspectives, using counter-arguments. Use PEEL (Point, Evidence, Explain, Link) to structure each of your points.
Bonus challenge: include repetition and short sentences for effect. Use semi-colons, brackets and complex sentences.

Think carefully about your answer - we will have a 5-minute class debate shortly to see what everyone else thinks about this, so be prepared with your arguments and counter arguments!

Task Three - Read the information sheet carefully. As you are reading, for each quote you come across, add it to your blank quotes sheet under the first heading. We'll get to the others later. You will be returning to this sheet to help with a practice exam question - so ensure you add in as much detail as you can.



Family: Children and Children

best among you are those who learn the Qur'an...

Children are the responsibility of the parents...

Extended families and the nuclear family

In Islam, the traditional family includes...

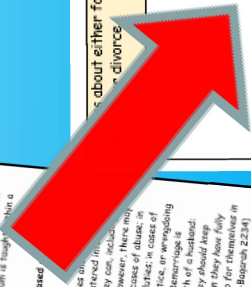
Education

Education is very important in Islam...

Ethical arguments related to divorce, including those based on marriage vows and compassion.

In Islam, divorce is seen to have negative effects...

Is this statement contradicted by another quote from the same religion? Explain your ideas in full.



What exactly does this quote mean? How do you know?	Is this statement contradicted by another quote from the same religion? Explain your ideas in full.

Task 4 - Now spend 15 minutes working on the end column - pick one quote from each row and work on a challenge:

1) Explain exactly what this quote implies **2)** how you know or **3)** whether this quote is contradicted by another quote from the same religion. Run out of space? Carry on in your books.



Quotes about either family, marriage, children or divorce.	What exactly does this quote mean? How do you know?	Is this statement contradicted by another quote from the same religion? Explain your ideas in full.

ALL)
Be prepared to feedback in 15 minutes.

Task 5 - Exam Practice

Use your quotes analysis, info sheet and notes from today to answer the following exam question:

'A true Muslim would only divorce if it was the very last resort.'

Evaluate this statement comparing Islamic views and those of at least one other religion. Use your religious quote analysis sheets to help.



Stuck on another religion for comparison? Ask your teacher for the Christianity and divorce help sheet.

You should refer to religious arguments and reach a justified conclusion. (12 marks)

We will peer assess these at the end of the lesson.

Plenary-

Exam practice marking + reflection

Now use your easy-peer assessment sheet to mark your partner's answer.

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