5.2 Cohabitation and Adultery as Alternatives to Marital Fidelity: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Which one of the following definitions correctly describes cohabitation in the context of modern relationships in the UK?

- ☐ A: living together as a couple without being married or in a civil partnership
- ☐ B: marrying but living apart for work reasons
- ☐ C: formally registered civil partnership between two people
- ☐ D: arranging a marriage between families

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

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2 Give two reasons commonly given by couples for choosing to cohabit in the UK rather than marry, in the context of changing social attitudes.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

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3 Give one religious reason why adultery is considered wrong in Christianity, naming a relevant source of authority.

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

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4 Identify two effects adultery can have on a family, referring to the family context and relationships.

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

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5 Give three actions a religious community might take when adultery is discovered in a marriage, referring to pastoral or legal responses.

(Total for Question 5 is 3 marks)

6 Give three possible social reasons why cohabitation has become more common in the UK in recent decades.

(Total for Question 6 is 3 marks)

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Question 1

selecting A, living together as a couple without marriage or civil partnership, cao **B1**

Answer: A

Question 2

reason 1: to test the relationship before marriage or see if they are compatible, oe **B1**

reason 2: financial convenience or sharing household costs without legal marriage, oe **B1**

Answer: Any two reasonable reasons, for example: to test compatibility; financial convenience.

Question 3

reference to the Ten Commandments forbidding adultery, eg Exodus 20:14, oe **B1**

Answer: Exodus 20:14, which forbids adultery.

Question 4

effect 1: breakdown of trust between spouses, oe **B1**

effect 2: emotional harm or distress to children and wider family, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. breakdown of trust between spouses; emotional harm to children and family.

Question 5

action 1: offer pastoral counselling and reconciliation support, oe **B1**

action 2: offer separate pastoral care to the wronged spouse and to any affected children, oe **B1**

action 3: in some traditions, consider disciplinary measures or advice about seeking a religiously-sanctioned divorce or separation, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: pastoral counselling and reconciliation; support for the wronged spouse and children; possible disciplinary advice or guidance about divorce/separation per tradition.

Question 6

reason 1: changing social attitudes that place less stigma on living together outside marriage, oe **B1**

reason 2: greater financial pressures and housing costs encouraging couples to share a home, oe **B1**

reason 3: increase in relationships forming later in life and more people prioritising careers before marriage, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: reduced stigma; financial/housing reasons; later partnerships and career priorities.

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