8.8 Religion and Terrorism: 10-minute Pack

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Answer ALL questions.

1 This question checks key vocabulary used when discussing religion and terrorism.

(a) State what is meant by terrorism. **(1)**

(b) State what is meant by extremism. **(1)**

(c) State what is meant by a non-combatant. **(1)**

(d) State what is meant by legitimate authority. **(1)**

(e) State what is meant by jihad. **(1)**

(Total for Question 1 is 5 marks)

2 Give three facts about religion and terrorism.

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

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3 Explain two religious teachings used by mainstream believers to reject terrorism. Refer to a source of wisdom and authority in your answer.

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

(a) the use of violence, especially against civilians, by a group without legitimate authority, in order to create fear and achieve a political, religious or ideological aim, oe **B1**

(a) Answer: The use of violence, especially against civilians, by a group without legitimate authority, to create fear and achieve a political, religious or ideological aim.

(b) holding views, of any kind, so far outside the mainstream that they are used to justify breaking widely-shared moral rules, oe **B1**

(b) Answer: Holding views so far outside the mainstream that they are used to justify breaking widely-shared moral rules.

(c) a person, such as a civilian, who is not taking part in fighting, oe **B1**

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(d) a properly recognised ruler or government, rather than a private individual or group, oe **B1**

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(e) an Arabic word meaning struggle or effort, most often used by Muslims for the inner spiritual struggle to live a good life according to Allah's will, oe **B1**

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Question 2

mainstream religious scholarship in every major tradition condemns using religion to justify violence against civilians, oe **B1**

terrorism deliberately targets non-combatants, which just war theory's discrimination criterion rules out, oe **B1**

terrorism is carried out without the legitimate authority that just war theory requires for any use of force, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: mainstream religious scholarship in every tradition condemns religiously-justified violence against civilians; terrorism deliberately targets non-combatants; terrorism lacks legitimate authority.

Question 3

point 1: many Christians teach that the sanctity of every human life rules out the deliberate killing of civilians, whatever cause it claims to serve, oe **B1**

development: the Ten Commandments teach 'You shall not murder' (Exodus 20:13), which mainstream Christian teaching applies without exception to the deliberate killing of innocent people, oe **B1**

point 2: mainstream Muslim scholarship teaches that Islam forbids the deliberate killing of innocent people and rejects any claim that such killing is a religious duty, oe **B1**

development: the Qur'an teaches that 'whoever kills a soul... it is as if he had slain mankind entirely' (Qur'an 5:32), a verse widely cited by Muslim scholars to reject terrorism, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. sanctity of life ruling out killing civilians (Exodus 20:13); the seriousness of taking one innocent life (Qur'an 5:32), widely cited against terrorism.

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