**AQA Specification: Religion, Peace & Conflict**

**3.2.1.4 Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict**

Students should study religious teachings, and religious, philosophical and ethical arguments, relating to the issues that follow, and their impact and influence in the modern world. They should be aware of contrasting perspectives in contemporary British society on all of these issues.

They must be able to explain contrasting beliefs on the following three issues with reference to the main religious tradition in Britain (Christianity) and one or more other religious traditions:

• Violence.

• Weapons of mass destruction.

• Pacifism.

**Religion, violence, terrorism and war**

• The meaning and significance of:

• peace

• justice

• forgiveness

• reconciliation.

• Violence, including violent protest.

• Terrorism.

• Reasons for war, including greed, self-defence and retaliation.

• The just war theory, including the criteria for a just war.

• Holy war.

• Pacifism.

**Religion and belief in 21st century conflict**

• Religion and belief as a cause of war and violence in the contemporary world.

• Nuclear weapons, including nuclear deterrence.

• The use of weapons of mass destruction.

• Religion and peace-making in the contemporary world including the work of individuals influenced by religious teaching.

• Religious responses to the victims of war including the work of one present day religious

organisation.