Knowledge Organiser - Peace and Conflict

Peace and Peace-making

- **1. Peace** Being in harmony with oneself and others. The opposite of war.
- 2. Salam Peace
- 3. As-Salamu Alaykum Muslim greeting which means 'peace be upon you.'
- 4. Peace-making The process of making peace by preventing or settling disputes.
- **5. Reconciliation** Restoring harmony after relationships have broken down.
- **6. Forgiveness** Excusing or letting go of a mistake someone has made.
- 7. Justice Doing and what is fair, right and reasonable.

Just War Theory

- Just War Theory A set of conditions that need to be met in order for a war to be justified
 - **Just cause** The reasons for fighting should be to uphold justice.
 - Comparative justice Those affected should expect a better future after the war.
 - **Legitimate authority** Only a leader or head of state can sanction a war.
 - Right intention The motive to fight should be to re-establish peace.
 - Probability of success There should be a strong chance that the war will be won.
 - Last resort All other peaceful methods should have been tried first.
 - Proportionality The amount of force used in the war should match the problem.
- 2. **Lesser Jihad** Struggling physically in the path of God (Muslim just war).
- Situation Ethics Making ethical decisions based on what the most loving thing to do is.

Holy War

- 1. Holy War A war fought in support of a religious cause.
- 2. Harb al-Maqadis Usually translated as 'holy war,' where the conditions for lesser jihad are fulfilled.

Conflict

- 1. **Conflict** A serious disagreement that may lead to disunity and war.
 - Politics/Ideology Holding different views about what set of policies or ideas a country should follow or be governed by.
 - Nationalism/Ethnicity Believing that one group or culture is superior.
 - Religion When religious beliefs clash.
- 2. Arab-Israeli conflict The conflict which is about territory. Jews believe the land of Israel was promised to them by God. At the end of WW2, the land was partitioned and a new state of Israel was created as a homeland for Jewish people. The partition is controversial for people on both sides.

Pacifism

- Pacifism The belief that war and violence are always wrong. Disputes should be settled peacefully
- 2. Pacifist Someone who does not believe in war.
 - **Absolute pacifists** Believe it is never right to participate in a war.
 - Conditional pacifist War is wrong, but might sometimes be necessary as a last resort.
 - **Selective pacifist** Oppose wars that involve nuclear/chemical weapons.
 - Active pacifist Involved in non-violent political actions e.g. demonstrations, to condemn wars, and committed to bring about social change.
- 3. **Passive resistance** Non-violent opposition to authority.
- 4. **Sanctity of life** The belief that all life is holy and belongs to God.
- The Arab Spring Civilian protests in North African and Middle Eastern countries, demonstrating against corrupt governments.

Weapons of Mass Destruction

- Weapons of mass destruction (WMD) nuclear, biological, or chemical weapons that cause widespread devastation and loss of life.
- P. Hiroshima The USA dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945.

Problems of Conflict

- 1. **Terrorism** The unlawful use of violence, including against innocent civilians, to achieve a political or religious goal.
- Muslim Council of Britain A national body that condemns terrorism by Muslims and non-Muslims alike and has urged Muslims to help in the fight against terrorism.

Exam Practice

A Question:

One...

Another...

A final...

B Questions:

One reason why/belief is... This suggests/is important because...

Another reason why/belief is...
This suggests/is important
because...

C Questions:

One reason why/belief is... In the Quran/Bible it states... This suggests/is important because...

Another reason why/belief is... This suggests/is important because...

D Questions:

Some Muslims/Christians would agree/disagree with the statement because...

In the Quran/Bible it states...
This suggests/is important

because... This is a strong argument because... However, this is a weak argument

because... (Repeat)

In conclusion, the strongest argument is... because...