

DECREES OF THE COUNCIL OF TRENT	
THEOLOGY (1st and 2nd meetings)	
Faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sola Fide is wrong.</u> • Good Works are a valuable part of justification; therefore so too are relics and indulgences (although see points on abuses, later). • Purgatory exists
Scripture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sola Scriptura is wrong.</u> • Biblical texts (both Old and New testaments) and tradition are of equal value in determining God's will • Only ordained priests could interpret the meaning of the Bible • Vulgate Bible to be the standard in all of the Churches; this is to be revised by the Pope, not by committee (as Erasmus had wanted). • Any material challenging the Vulgate to be banned. • Services still to be in Latin, but sermons to have a simple language and be delivered in the Vernacular ("in conformity with the capabilities of its hearers").
Priesthood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Priesthood of All Believers is wrong.</u> • Papal Supremacy is accepted¹ • Sacrament of Ordination is valid • Priesthood is therefore still separate from rest of society; special dress, celibate. • Candidates for ordination had to be at least 23. • Less emphasis on traditional duties such as chanting masses for the dead and imposing punishments for sin, and more on their educative and charitable roles in the community. • Monasteries to carry on being reformed.
Ceremonies and Appearances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>All seven sacraments are valid</u> in their Catholic form (Baptism, Penance, Eucharist, Ordination, Marriage, Extreme Unction, Confirmation). • Transubstantiation, single baptism affirmed as being valid.
ORGANISATION / ABUSES (3rd meeting)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absenteeism banned. Anyone absent would have their wages taken from them and this money spent on the parish. • Pluralism, simony and nepotism banned. • Priests obliged to preach themselves or at the very least appoint a capable deputy, under threat of "severe penalties" • Seminaries established in all dioceses to train priests - 10 year training course. But these were not to create forward thinkers, merely priests with a good grounding of scholastic knowledge. • Bishop had to attend a provincial synod every 3 years, and have one in his own diocese every year. • Pope's authority was also the Bishop's. Therefore no conflict of interest. • Indulgence sellers and relic-pedlars banned. • Censorship introduced.

Task:

- Produce a table with two rows and four columns.
- In the first row, list four key statements in theology made by Trent.
- In the second row, list four key statements about organisation made by Trent.
- Add an icon (small picture) behind each cell in the table to symbolise what it is talking about.

¹ **The Pope** was technically agreed as being *Primus Inter Pares* (first amongst equals) on the insistence of the Spanish Bishops, but Cardinal Morone skillfully skirted the implications of this by making concessions to the Emperor (Ferdinand I), the Cardinal of Lorraine and Phillip II; also by promising to restrict Papal interference with the bishops on the basis that they accepted the Papal monarchy of the Church.