

Question 1 (a) Name TWO types of religious experience.

Mark 1 out of 2

Answer

A miracle is one type of religious experience.

Commentary

Only one type given.

Question 1 (b) State, with examples, what is meant by moral evil.

Mark 6 out of 6

Answer

Moral evil is suffering, it is done by humans, it is a purpose act to intend to give pain to another person. It isn't natural like earthquakes etc. For example, if someone attacked another person with a beer bottle or a weapon of any kind and intentionally willing to harm this person in any way or even murder them. This is an act of moral evil.

Commentary

Clear meaning with two examples.

Question 1 (c) Explain how the appearance of design in the world may lead to or support belief in God.

Mark 4 out of 8

Answer

Many people believe there's a God because of the way things are so well created, for example DNA is so well structured that it would be impossible to believe that any human or other source could do this, except the almighty God.

This will obviously bring up a belief to any person. And the way in which planet Earth was so well created, people say it was the 'Big Bang' but many people don't believe this because they could say, 'Well who created life?' So only one person could have done all these designs, which are truly not in the hands of a scientific explanation.

Commentary

Clear understanding but not a clear enough relationship between design and God to go beyond level 2.

Question 1 (d) "If God really loved Christians, he would not let them suffer."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view.

Mark 2 out of 4

Answer

No, this isn't true, Christians believe that we are here for a task, to see if we are good enough for the next life and obey God's commandments. And we bring moral evil upon ourselves, so this is not up to us - it's part of God's challenge. Christians say if someone is suffering from pain, then we should pray to God asking for them to recover. We will be judged, so if we've committed any act of moral evil, we may not see the next life.

Commentary

No alternative.

Question 4 (a) Give TWO examples of the paranormal.

Mark 2 out of 2

Answer

Two examples of the paranormal are ghosts and miracles.

Commentary

Two correct examples.

Question 4 (b) Outline Catholic beliefs about life after death.

Mark 6 out of 6

Answer

Catholics believe after death there are three things. Purgatory for people who need to be purified to go to heaven. Heaven for all the people who have been good in their lives. Hell for people who have been really bad in their lives and don't feel sorry for what they have done.

Commentary

Clear outline of Catholic beliefs to reach level 3 despite lack of reference to the Last Day.

Question 4 (c) Explain why Catholics believe that life is sacred.

Mark 4 out of 8

Answer

Catholics believe that life is sacred, that means that life is created by God and is precious, so only God can take life away and we shouldn't do it. They also said that God gives us life so we shouldn't prevent it using condoms etc.

Catholics also think that euthanasia is wrong. They also think life is precious because Jesus came into the earth as a human.

They think we should take care of ourselves and love us as we should love the neighbour and help each other.

Commentary

Basic understanding. More specific Catholic teachings/reasons are needed to go beyond level 2.

Question 4 (d) "All good people will go to heaven whatever they believe."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer you should refer to Christianity.

Mark 1 out of 4

Answer

I do not believe in heaven, hell or purgatory. I think when we die our souls go somewhere but I don't know where. If Christians said all people who are good go to heaven, it would be too easy, and I don't believe you're going to go to a place to live there forever having a good time just because you have been good in your life.

Commentary

No alternative and only one reason, therefore level 1.

Question 6 (a) What is a *re-constituted family*?

Mark 2 out of 2

Answer

A re-constituted family is when two people who already have a family get together and get married and this expands the family.

Commentary

Correct definition.

Question 6 (b) Describe how Catholic churches help with the upbringing of children.

Mark 2 out of 6

Answer

Catholic churches help with the upbringing of Catholics because if the child goes to church from an early age then they have been taught things in the church from an early age. The church teaches how to live as a Christian and if a child is taught this from an early age, then as he/she grows up they can live like this and learn a lot more.

Commentary

Very vague – no specific ways referred to.

Question 6 (c) Explain why there are different attitudes among Christians to remarriage after divorce.

Mark 2 out of 8

Answer

Some Christians disagree with remarriage after divorce because they believe the sacrament given at a marriage should be kept with the person you chose and they should not be broken. But if a person is in a marriage that is not happy, or something has happened that they can't trust each other, then they should be allowed to divorce and should think clearly about remarriage because of the sacraments they have got to take.

Commentary

Only one reason given, little reference to different attitudes.

Question "There is nothing wrong with homosexuality."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer you should refer to Christianity.

Mark 2 out of 4

Answer

I agree that there is nothing wrong with homosexuality. Many people believe this too, because it's the way a person is and nobody can change them and it's their way of living and it's their choice.

Some people may not agree with this because God made the world full of people so they can have families and many people believe it's not possible with homosexuality.

Commentary

A basic for and against answer.

Question 8 (a) What is *religious pluralism*?

Mark 2 out of 2

Answer

All religions having an equal right to co-exist in a society.

Commentary

Correct definition.

Question 8 (b) Outline biblical teachings on the roles of men and women.

Mark 0 out of 6

Answer

Men and women are seen as equals, though in the Catholic Church women can do any job apart from a deacon, bishop or a priest. The men can attempt all. This is because Jesus' apostles were all men, therefore only men can be his priests, bishops and deacons. Though in the Church of England, Protestants allow women to be priests. The Catholic Church accepts that a woman can fulfil any duty in a church as Jesus had women at his cross when he died, eg Mary Magdalene. He had Veronica wiping his face. And he did have a company of women, though his apostles were all men. Some non-Catholics believe that this was only due to the culture in his day, therefore they allow women to be priests.

Commentary

No reference to biblical teachings. The candidate should have answered question 7.

Question 8 (c) Explain how ONE modern Christian person or organisation has promoted racial harmony.

Mark 0 out of 8

Answer

CAFOD, Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, help to promote racial harmony. Being a Catholic organisation they are against any racial prejudice or discrimination (believing people/religions are inferior to you). CAFOD help provide emergency aid, long term aid, funds, education, medicine and help for different LEDCs worldwide (less economically developed countries), whatever race or religion they are. The Catholic Church teaches that you should be allowed to follow whatever religion you wish without any forms of prejudice or discrimination freely. The Catholic Church doesn't discriminate. This is why there are man and women of all races in the church (except that of a priest, deacon or bishop).

Commentary

Does not show how CAFOD helps to promote racial harmony. It could be done, but is much more difficult than using Martin Luther King.

Question 8 (d) "Christianity stops people being racist."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view.

Mark 2 out of 4

Answer

Christianity doesn't stop people being racist. But neither does any religion. If you are racist it is the individual who can or can't stop. Though Christians don't accept any form of racism. They show this by having man and women in the churches of all races. This is due to the commandment 'Treat others as you wish to be treated' and 'Love your neighbour', also due to God's teachings to help each other and respect each other.

Commentary

No alternative point of view.

Question 10 (a) Outline what is done by Catholics to relieve poverty and suffering in the United Kingdom.

Mark 1 out of 4

Answer

To relieve poverty and suffering, Catholics help by doing things. Catholics raise money by selling things or setting tasks that have to be done. They might do things like a sponsored run or walk, or go on the streets and put a show on, such as music or dancing. They then send the money to the poor countries that need it. Catholics also collect food for those without food or those who cannot afford food, and this may prevent starvation.

Commentary

Confused about UK and overseas, but just makes one fact on collecting food.

Question 10 (b) Explain why Catholics should try to remove world poverty.

Mark 2 out of 8

Answer

Catholics should try to remove world poverty because a lot of people in the world suffer from poverty and Catholics can help prevent world poverty by raising money to pay people's debts off. Catholics should help remove world poverty because they are followers of God and should prevent all the poverty so that people do not turn to him for blame.

Commentary

Only one reason given and not developed.

Question 10 (c) "World poverty is caused by selfishness."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer you should refer to Christianity.

Mark 2 out of 8

Answer

I agree that world poverty is caused by selfishness because many people in the world have a lot of money and they probably don't need it all. But many people could give their money to charity if they wanted to, but they may decide to not give any money because they need it.

I disagree that poverty is because of selfishness, because the money people have got may rightfully be theirs, because they could have worked very hard to get that money. Poverty can also be caused by not having enough money to go around in the world and people may have been left money by other people.

Commentary

Opinion with one reason, the second paragraph is not really an alternative for a section 5 evaluation.