

**Question** 1 (a) Who was Levi?

**Mark** 2 out of 2

**Answer**

Levi was the 'sinful' tax collector who gave up his whole life to follow Christianity.

**Commentary**

Correct identification.

**Question** 1 (b) Describe what happened when Jesus' family came to ask for him.

**Mark** 4 out of 6

**Answer**

Jesus was eating a meal with his disciples in a house and there were many waiting outside who wished to see him. Jesus' family arrived outside and asked to see him and the disciples rushed them to him before anyone else who was waiting for him could see him. Jesus was angered by this. He said that anyone who had faith in him and God was family.

**Commentary**

A basic description with only two correct facts.

**Question** 1 (c) Explain why discipleship involves suffering, according to Mark.

**Mark** 4 out of 8

**Answer**

Discipleship involves suffering according to Mark because Christians will always be persecuted as Jesus taught. Discipleship involved sacrifice, for example 'Anyone who leaves their mother or father or brother or sister will receive a hundred times as much reward in heaven.' Also the young rich man who asked Jesus what he had to do to follow Jesus, and Jesus said 'You must give up all you own to give to others', but the rich man could not do this. You must sacrifice yourself to serve others as a disciple, and to achieve true greatness you must 'serve others before you serve yourself'. This is a thing you must suffer.

**Commentary**

Basic understanding with only two reasons referred to.

**Question** 1 (d) “The disciples of Jesus were failures.”

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

**Mark** 4 out of 4

**Answer**

For me to agree I could say that when the disciples were asked to keep watch while Jesus slept, they fell asleep three times. Jesus said, 'You must pray so you do not fall into temptation. The mind is willing but the body is weak.' This was a failure. Peter, for example, was a failure when he 'denied he knew Jesus three times before the cock crowed' a day after he had said 'I will never desert you'.

However I do not think that they were, because to 'fall into temptation' is a sin that can easily be forgiven. And they didn't always fail. It is true that they still had much to learn, for example when the disciples couldn't drive out a demon so they took him to Jesus and Jesus drove him away and said 'This kind can only come out by prayer'. The disciples were not failures, they just 'still had much to learn' to be like Jesus himself.

**Commentary**

Good evaluation of an alternative and reasoned own view to reach a personal conclusion.

**Question** 3 (a) What is *Corban*?

**Mark** 1 out of 2

**Answer**

Corban is a gift that belongs to God.

**Commentary**

Partially correct definition.

**Question** 3 (b) Outline how Jesus predicted his Passion.

**Mark** 4 out of 6

**Answer**

Jesus predicted his death three times. The third time he predicted his death he was with his disciples, he told them what would happen and they were shocked. He told them that one of them would betray him and another would deny knowing him.

**Commentary**

A basic outline referring to two predictions.

**Question** 3 (c) Explain why Jesus challenged the Jewish authorities in the Temple.

**Mark** 2 out of 8

### Answer

Jesus challenged the Jewish authorities because they were selling goods inside the temple. He stormed inside and turned the tables over. He was outraged at the fact that they were selling inside and he told them to leave.

Jesus didn't think it was right to sell anything in the church, especially if the money gained from it didn't go towards the temple.

In churches in the present day, we do not sell anything that does not directly benefit the church or sick people.

### Commentary

Mainly description with only one reason explained.

**Question** 3 (d) "Good people shouldn't mix with bad people."

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

**Mark** 2 out of 4

### Answer

Some people would agree with this statement as it could reflect on them in a bad way. If they were to spend time with 'bad' people it could influence them.

Others may disagree because they believe that these people are not bad and if they spent time with supposedly 'good' people they would be the same.

Mark's gospel disagrees with this as it believes everybody should be treated equally.

I disagree with this statement, because the supposedly 'good' people are often unkind and disrespectful. The 'good' appearance is often just a shell.

### Commentary

Argument for and argument against with a conclusion make this a basic for and against answer.

**Question** 5 (a) What was the *Last Supper*?

**Mark** 2 out of 2

**Answer**

The Last Supper was on Passover, the night before Jesus was arrested and sentenced, by trial, to death.

**Commentary**

Correct identification.

**Question** 5 (b) Describe the trial of Jesus before Pontius Pilate.

**Mark** 6 out of 6

**Answer**

Pontius Pilate was given Jesus by the Jewish authorities, they didn't have the authority to execute him. He was given an unfair trial because he was not allowed to call witnesses or defend himself. Pontius Pilate was unwilling to let Jesus die without a chance and allowed the crowd to choose between Jesus or Barabbas the murderer, the crowd didn't know who Jesus was and the Jewish authorities entered the crowd and shouted for Jesus to die. The crowd copied the shouters and Pilate had no choice except to order Jesus' crucifixion.

**Commentary**

Organised and coherent description.

**Question** 5 (c) Explain why there are different endings to Mark's Gospel.

**Mark** 0 out of 8

**Answer**

Mark had a long and a short version of his gospel.

**Commentary**

No attempt to explain.

**Question** 5 (d) “Jesus wanted to die.”

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

**Mark** 3 out of 4

**Answer**

I agree because Jesus was on a mission to be the ultimate sacrifice. He wanted to save all humanity by sacrificing himself to clear them of sins so that they could have a good relationship. Without him they would not have been able to have a relationship. When they were at the Last Supper, Jesus told everyone that he was going to die. He caused deliberate conflict with the authorities and he knew that it was his job as the Messiah. However, when he was on the crucifix he cried out 'Why have you forsaken me, my Lord?' as if it was the Lord's choice for Jesus to die, not Jesus'.

**Commentary**

Lack of conclusion means it cannot go beyond level 3.

**Question** 8 (a) Who was Legion?

**Mark** 2 out of 2

**Answer**

A man who had many evil spirits within him. Legion is another word for 'many'.

**Commentary**

Correct identification.

**Question** 8 (b) Outline Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi.

**Mark** 6 out of 6

**Answer**

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked the disciples who they thought he was. Peter answered that he thought that Jesus was the Messiah who had come to save the people from their sins. Jesus told Peter not to speak of this again.

**Commentary**

Concise, but organised and coherent outline.

**Question** 8 (c) Explain what is meant by the title Son of Man in Mark's Gospel.

**Mark** 0 out of 8

### Answer

True, Jesus is well known as being the Son of God, yet he was born from ordinary humans. He felt emotions as all humans do, like sorrow and frustration. Jesus lived and worked among ordinary people and wore the same clothing they did. In a crowd, there is no way that Jesus would be recognised as the Messiah.

I think that these points contribute a lot to one of Jesus' titles as the Son of Man. He was born of mortal humans and went out to serve people, yet he is one of the most well-known people in the world.

### Commentary

No understanding of the title Son of Man.

**Question** 8 d) "Jesus was a magician."

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

**Mark** 2 out of 4

### Answer

If you ask anyone, the answer would almost certainly be no every time. Jesus may have done some spectacular things such as banishing demons, calming the storm and walking on water, but he was certainly no magician.

Behind every magic trick there is a way of doing it to fool a person. But the miracles that Jesus performed did not have a background secret, except the power and authority of God.

### Commentary

No alternative point of view, so it cannot go beyond level 2.

**Question** 10 (a) Describe the persecution of Christians in Rome by Nero.

**Mark** 1 out of 4

### Answer

The Emperor Nero hated Christians and if you didn't do as he told you he would feed you to the lions. That's where the whole Roman thing of killing Christians for sport and fun came from, and he would have all of those disturbing shows for killing Christians who wouldn't change their beliefs. Emperor Nero did this to everyone who didn't worship him and do as he said, but still Christians kept their beliefs.

### Commentary

Only one correct fact about the persecution.

**Question** 10 (b) Explain why Mark's Gospel is believed to have been written for Christians undergoing persecution.

**Mark** 2 out of 8

### Answer

This Gospel is very short and easy to read and it is not about Jesus' life story, but the later more important parts of his life, about how he was persecuted by everyone, even the disciples at one stage or another criticised Jesus. This shows us how to handle persecution and Jesus tells us how we are supposed to deal with persecution.

Jesus was a role model to all of the martyrs who ever died for their beliefs. Jesus also taught us about the Kingdom of God and the life after death, and whatever happens to you in this lifetime will be rewarded in the next. Jesus taught us to stand up for our beliefs. In the Reformation there were Christians against Christians, arguing and killing each other because of what Jesus said and how they interpreted it in different ways. Some people also believe that Mark would have been persecuted for his beliefs and maybe killed, so people can relate to his gospel a lot more easily.

### Commentary

More a description of the teaching on persecution rather than an explanation of why it is thought to have been written for those undergoing persecution.

**Question** 10 c) “A true follower of Jesus will always have to face persecution.”

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

**Mark** 4 out of 8

**Answer**

All Christians at some stage or other will face persecution, whether it be a very little thing or a huge attack on your beliefs. How you deal with it is what makes you a good Christian or not. Even people like Mother Teresa would have been persecuted at one stage or another during her time in India.

This statement depends on how you define persecution, if you think it means punished, ie arrested or murdered, then not every Christian will be persecuted. But if you define it as anything at all that attacks your religion, then I believe everyone who is fairly open about their views will be persecuted because not everyone has the same views. I suppose you must get some Christians out there who have never been persecuted, but I think most people have. If you are a true follower of Jesus though, and you express it openly, then you will be persecuted, but on different scales of persecution, whether small or big. In total I agree with this statement, as big followers of Jesus have always been persecuted.

**Commentary**

An alternative is just mentioned with no reason for holding that point of view therefore it remains at level 2 as a well argued point of view without an alternative.