FOODBANKS & STREET PASTORS

Christianity Practices

[5 marks]

- 1. Which of the following is not a description of the Church? [1 mark]
 - A) the body of Christ B) the bride of Christ C) the people of God D) all faiths together
- 2. Give two things that street pastors do to help the community. [2 marks]

 Help those on nights out, assist the police, help drunk people, help vulnerable people get home, be a listening ear, pray for people, give people lollypops/flip flops/ bottles of water, pick up broken bottles, be a positive presence.
- 3. Explain two Christian teachings that support the work of street pastors. [4 marks] "Love your neighbour" they are showing practical love through their care for the vulnerable. "when I was thirsty you gave me something to eat" "when you did this for the least of these brothers of mine you did it for me" (sheep and the goats) practical help to people in need. Jesus spent his time helping the last the least and the lost, street pastors are following his example.
- 4. Explain how running a food bank fulfils Christian teaching.

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5. 'All Christians should be street pastors.'

[12 marks]

Some Christians agree:

"love your neighbour" + explanation and examples (as above) the sheep and the goats + explanation and examples, following Jesus' example + explanation and examples. Christians should care for communities in the most relevant way. Street Pastors have been enormously successful and the towns and cities that have them have seen a reduction in crime.

Some Christians disagree:

It is a big commitment and not everyone will be able to make the sacrifice> looking after family should come first. Not all people will have the skills and patience to be street pastors. It should be the police' job, not normal citizens. Christians should not interfere with other people's business.

POTENTIAL WEAK ARGUMENT: Just the police' job – they need all the help they can get.