## PERSECUTION & POVERTY

# Christianity Practices

1. Which of the following is not a Christian aid organisation?

[1 mark]

- A) CAFOD
- B) Tearfund
- C) Christian Aid
- D) Greenpeace
- 2. Give two charities who work to help persecuted Christians.

[2 marks]

The Barnabus Fund/ Open Doors

3. Explain two Christian teachings about persecution.

[4 marks]

Those who are persecuted are blessed "blessed are those who are persecuted" Christians should expect to be persecuted "all who desire to live a Godly life in Christ will be persecuted"

Christians should pray for those who persecute "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"

4. Explain how Christian aid organisations work to stop world poverty.

[5 marks]

Short term aid> emergency aid> e.g. food in a famine and water in a drought Long term aid> aid to enable a country to support itself> schools, tools and hospitals Raising awareness> campaigning so that that the public know the needs of the poor and pressure on the governments to do more to help "When I was hungry you fed me"

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5. 'Christians should focus on the poor in their own country, not those overseas.'

[12 marks]

#### Some Christians agree:

Jesus helped those near him> He did no overseas missions> Christians should follow his example. The Bible teaches that God has chosen where and when we will live> we should help people where he has placed us. There is poverty everywhere> Christians should look around to help those in their own community who are struggling.

#### Some Christians disagree:

The need overseas is greater> there are countries were children die of malnutrition> this does not happen in the UK. Christians should 'love their neighbour' this is everyone> this is shown in the parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable of the sheep & goats shows Christians that they should respond to whatever need they see, this could be at home or abroad.

POTENTIAL WEAK ARGUMENT: Jesus didn't help those overseas. His ministry was only 3 years long and travel harder than it is today