

1. Which one of the following means belief in one God? [1 mark]

A) Monotheistic B) Polytheistic C) Pluralistic D) Pantheon

2. Give two different denominations. [2 marks]

Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Anglican (Church of England) Baptist, Pentecostal, Methodist, etc.

3. Explain two ways in which the belief that God is loving influences Christians today. [4 marks]

Being loving with their money & practical example. Being loving with their time & practical example

4. Explain two things than Jews can learn about God from the Shema. [5 marks]

Omnipotent/all powerful & created the world through his word/in 6 days/raised Jesus from the dead.

Benevolent/all-loving +Sent his son to die for us/John 3:16/God is love
Just/fair +will judge us as we deserve/sheep and the goats, 10 Commandments, Heaven and Hell.

5. 'The existence of suffering proves that God is not omnipotent.'

[12 marks]

Some Christians agree:

Some agree: lots of suffering in the world > natural disasters, poverty, war, divorce > God should prevent this

BIBLE: He allowed Jesus to die on the cross > did not intervene. The Holocaust went ahead and 6m Jews died

Some Christians disagree:

most suffering is man-made > divorce, adultery, murder, poverty > free will > God allows us to make our own moral decisions. God is more concerned with our character than our comfort > God allows us to suffer to teach us/help us to grow. BIBLE: Book of Job teaches that suffering is part of life & to trust God.

POTENTIAL WEAK ARGUMENT: God allowed Jesus to die (this was part of God's plan to make atonement for human sin).