# THE VALUE OF THE WORLD Theme B Religion & life

1. Which word means a feeling of devout respect, mixed with fear or wonder?

[1 mark]

A) delirium

- B) indifference
- C) bewilderment
- D) awe

2. Give two ways a Christian can be a good steward.

[2 marks]

Reduce> use less natural resources/single use plastic. Reuse> don't bin unnecessarily e.g. disposable fashion etc. Recycle> so many items can now be recycled> plastic bags to create clothes etc

3. Explain two religious beliefs about why the world has value.

[4 marks]

Because God *made* it> therefore it has **intrinsic** value> "in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth/ God said it was "good"/ it is full of good resources

4. Explain two beliefs about human dominion of the world.

[5 marks]

Christians are supposed to be stewards of the earth> to look after it on God's behalf Some think they can do whatever they want with the world because God gave it to them (no one really thinks this)

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

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### 5. 'Pollution is not the world's worst problem.'

[12 marks]

#### Some Christians agree:

There are far more important problems:

Sin> people need to be forgiven> Jesus' death providing atonement

World hunger> people are dying unjustly> Jesus said to "feed the hungry"

War> people are dying> Jesus said "blessed are the peacemakers"

### Some Christians disagree:

God told humans to look after the earth in his first instructions to them> we are failing our original instructions.

God said the earth was "very good" when he finished and we have let it become "very contaminated"

Human greed has led to huge amounts of pollution, greed is one of the seven deadly sins.

Pollution leads to the destruction of natural habitats, the contamination of natural resources which end the life of many of God's creation

We are destroying the earth for the next generation (our "neighbour of the future") Pollution can contribute to global warming which will have catastrophic effects on the world