USE AND ABUSE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Theme B Religion & life

1. Which of the following is not a good way for a Christian to help the planet?

[1 mark]

A) reduce

- B) reproduce
- C) reuse
- D) recycle
- 2. Explain two ways that a person can "reduce".

[2 marks]

Use a cloth shopping bag rather than plastic bags, only drive when absolutely necessary, buy only what you need

3. Explain two religious beliefs about sustainable development.

[4 marks]

This should be of huge importance to religious believers due to their belief in stewardship, looking after the world on God's behalf It ensures that the world is "kept good" for their neighbours of the future

4. Explain two beliefs about renewable resources.

[5 marks]

Religious believers should be keen to be responsible stewards of the world's resources since God has put them in charge of them. When God made the world the resources he said they were "good"

Christians should "love their neighbour" and their "neighbours of the future"

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5. 'It doesn't matter if the oil runs out as scientists will just invent something else to use.'

Some Christians agree:

God wouldn't have given us the oil if he didn't want us to use it. There is a story in the Bible of Elijah and a poor widow> he tells her to keep on using the oil and to trust God> this shows we shouldn't concern ourselves with conserving oil and just trust God God gives scientists what they need, when they need it. Christians can trust God that he will always come through for them

Some Christians disagree:

We need to be conserving all the natural resources> our duty as stewards> Genesis 1:28

We should be conserving resources for our "neighbours of the future"> this caring, compassionate and considerate and what Jesus would want

It is irresponsible and greedy (one of the most serious sins) 7 deadly for Catholics It is foolish not to plan ahead> Proverbs 13:16 "A wise man thinks ahead; a fool doesn't, and even brags about it!"

Jesus taught that everyone should count the cost before continuing like a man who plans to build a tower

House on the rock vs house on the sand