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Which word best describes pollution? 1.

[1 mark]

- A) consummation
- B) collaboration
- C) contamination
- D) communication

2. Give two types of pollution. [2 marks]

Air/land/water/sound/light

3. Explain two religious beliefs about the act of polluting the world. [4 marks]

It is a sin to damage God's world because it is his and he made it "In the beginning," God created the heavens and the earth."

It is unloving and uncaring to contaminate environments of others and of animals.

Explain two beliefs about how religious people should respond to 4. pollution.

[5 marks]

Religious believers should be responsible stewards and **avoid** doing anything that pollutes the earth e.g. drive an electric car They should clear up pollution even if they didn't cause it e.g. litter-pick

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5. 'There is no point in people in England stopping pollution when countries [12 marks] like China and India pollute on such a huge scale.'

Some Christians agree:

Why spend time and energy on something that is a "losing battle?"> better to spend your time and energy feeding the poor/ evangelising/ on mission China produces around 30% of the world's CO2 emissions> this means that any reduction the UK makes will be very small on the global scale It is virtually impossible to stop pollution completely and in doing so we will fall behind China and America economically

Some Christians disagree:

Psalm 24:1 "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it" We should do all we can to stop God's possession being contaminated

Exodus 23:2 ""Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong"> Just because there is lots of pollution elsewhere does not mean that we should also do the wrong thing Even if we can offer a small difference, this will mean a lot to God, like the five loaves and two fish used to feed 5000, God can take our offering and multiply it