1.10 The Nature of Humanity: Free Will, the Soul and Stewardship: 10-minute Pack

AQA 8062 · about 10 minutes

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Explain the importance of the belief that humans have free will for Christian moral teaching and responsibility today.

(Total for Question 1 is 6 marks)

2 Give three Christian arguments that human life should be protected because of its sanctity, in the context of moral decision-making about life issues.

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

3 Give three features Christians might include when describing human beings as made in the image of God, imago Dei, in the context of human nature and value.

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)

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Question 1

Level 3 A detailed, well-organised answer that explains several reasons why belief in free will matters for Christian ethics, supported by accurate reference to Christian teaching and clear links between points.	**5-6**
Level 2 An answer that explains some reasons why free will matters for Christian ethics, with some supporting detail, though links between points may be limited.	**3-4**
Level 1 One or two relevant points are made about free will and Christian responsibility, with little supporting detail or explanation.	**1-2**
Level 0 No relevant content.	**0**

Indicative content:

- Free will is necessary for moral responsibility, since praise and blame assume choices are possible.
- It underpins the Christian idea of sin, repentance and forgiveness, because people freely choose to act wrongly and can therefore repent.
- Free will allows genuine love and relationship with God, since love requires choice and cannot be coerced.
- Belief in free will supports Christian teachings about obedience and discipleship, where humans are called to choose to follow God.
- Some Christians argue free will explains the existence of suffering, as humans freely misuse creation rather than God causing evil.
- Counterpoint to include: some Christian traditions emphasise God's sovereignty and predestination, which modifies how free will is understood, and this can be acknowledged in the answer.

Question 2

argument 1: imago Dei means human life has inherent worth and should be protected, oe	**B1**
argument 2: belief in the soul and eternal significance of life leads to protecting life, oe	**B1**
argument 3: scriptural commands to love neighbour and care for the vulnerable support protecting life, oe	**B1**

Answer: Any three: imago Dei; belief in the soul and eternal value; scriptural commands to love and care for the vulnerable.

Question 3

feature 1: humans have the ability to reason and reflect, oe	**B1**
feature 2: humans have moral awareness and can choose between right and wrong, oe	**B1**
feature 3: humans are capable of relationships and love, reflecting aspects of God's nature, oe	**B1**

Answer: Any three: reason and reflection; moral awareness/free will; capacity for relationships and love reflecting God.

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