1.11 Christian Responses to Suffering: The Cross and the Book of Job: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 Define the term 'suffering' as it is used in Christian teaching about human experience.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Which one of the following statements best describes the Christian idea that God suffers with humanity, as shown through the cross?

- ☐ A: The cross shows God is distant and uninvolved in human pain.
- ☐ B: The cross shows God experiences human suffering and shares in it.
- ☐ C: The cross proves that suffering is always a punishment for sin.
- ☐ D: The cross teaches that suffering has no meaning and must be ignored.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Which one of the following best describes the message of Romans 8:28 as commonly taught in Christian churches?

- ☐ A: God guarantees that no bad thing will ever happen to believers.
- ☐ B: God will always remove suffering immediately for those who pray correctly.
- ☐ C: God can bring good out of suffering for those who love him, even when suffering occurs
- ☐ D: Suffering shows that God has abandoned believers forever.

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

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4 Give three examples of how Christian communities might respond practically to people who are suffering.

(Total for Question 4 is 3 marks)

5 State two teachings from Romans 8:18-28 and briefly explain what each teaches about suffering.

(Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

a state of pain, distress or hardship, whether physical, emotional or spiritual, experienced by people, oe **B1**

Answer: Pain, distress or hardship, physical, emotional or spiritual, experienced by people.

Question 2

choice B is correct, the cross shows God experiences human suffering and shares in it, oe **B1**

Answer: B

Question 3

choice C is correct, it matches Romans 8:28 teaching that God works for good for those who love him, oe **B1**

Answer: C

Question 4

providing pastoral care or counselling, oe **B1**

offering practical support such as food banks, befriending or hospital visiting, oe **B1**

praying with sufferers and offering liturgies or memorial services, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: pastoral care/counselling; practical support like food banks or visiting; prayer and liturgical support.

Question 5

teaching 1: present sufferings are not worth comparing with future glory (Romans 8:18), oe **B1**

explanation 1: teaches hope that current pain is temporary and will be outweighed by future blessing, oe **B1**

teaching 2: God works for the good of those who love him and can bring good out of suffering (Romans 8:28), oe **B1**

explanation 2: teaches trust in God that suffering may lead to a greater purpose or transformation, oe **B1**

Answer: Romans 8:18 - present suffering is temporary compared with future glory; Romans 8:28 - God can bring good out of suffering, encouraging trust and hope.

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