2.4 Christian Persecution Today: Causes and the Church's Response: 10-minute Pack

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Which one of the following is an example of a cause of persecution against Christians described in this topic: religious intolerance, political conflict, or freedom of worship restrictions? Context: causes of persecution today.

- ☐ A. A high level of religious tolerance and freedom
- ☐ B. Restrictions on freedom of worship
- ☐ C. Government support for all religions equally
- ☐ D. Widespread ecumenical cooperation

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 State the meaning of the term 'religious intolerance' as used when discussing causes of persecution in this topic.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Give two general causes of persecution of Christians today, in the context of global religious practice.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

4 Give two ways ordinary Christians can show solidarity with persecuted believers, in the context of individual action within a local church.

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

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5 Give three typical ways the worldwide church may respond in practice to communities experiencing persecution, in the general context of Christian relief and solidarity.

(Total for Question 5 is 3 marks)

6 Give three reasons why Christians elsewhere might feel obliged to offer help to persecuted churches, in the general context of global Christian responsibility.

(Total for Question 6 is 3 marks)

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Question 1

selecting B, restrictions on freedom of worship **B1**

Answer: B. Restrictions on freedom of worship.

Question 2

a clear definition such as: unwillingness to accept people of different religious beliefs, often leading to hostility or discrimination, oe **B1**

Answer: Unwillingness to accept people of different religious beliefs, often leading to hostility or discrimination.

Question 3

one correct cause, e.g. religious intolerance or hostility from other religious groups, oe **B1**

one other correct cause, e.g. political or social conflict that targets religious groups, or restrictions on freedom of worship, oe **B1**

Answer: Any two: for example, religious intolerance; political or social conflict targeting religious groups; restrictions on freedom of worship.

Question 4

one way: praying regularly for persecuted Christians, oe **B1**

one way: taking part in fundraising or supporting ethical relief projects, oe **B1**

Answer: Any two: pray regularly for persecuted believers; fundraise or support practical relief projects; write messages of solidarity, etc.

Question 5

one practical response, e.g. providing humanitarian aid or shelter, oe **B1**

second practical response, e.g. offering pastoral care and counselling, oe **B1**

third practical response, e.g. prayer and public solidarity with persecuted Christians, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: humanitarian aid/shelter; pastoral care and counselling; prayer and solidarity; advocacy for religious freedom, etc.

Question 6

reason 1: a sense of Christian solidarity and duty to care for fellow believers, oe **B1**

reason 2: obedience to scripture and teaching about helping the suffering, oe **B1**

reason 3: practical compassion, wanting to relieve suffering and provide safety, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: solidarity and duty; obedience to scripture; practical compassion to relieve suffering; witness to Christian love.

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