2.9 The Role of the Church in the Wider World: 30-minute Pack

AQA 8062 · about 30 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 Explain two contrasting Christian views about the best way to carry out mission in the world today. Refer to a source of wisdom and authority in your answer.

(Total for Question 1 is 5 marks)

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2 This question is about Christian charitable and mission work in the wider world. It is the AQA-style 24-mark, five-part question: parts (a) to (d) are worth 12 marks; part (e) is the 12-mark evaluation.

(a) State what Christian Aid Week raises money for. **(1)**

(b) Give two ways individual Christians might support the work of a charity like Christian Aid. **(2)**

(c) Explain two reasons why Christian Aid's work is important to Christians. Refer to scripture in your answer. **(4)**

(d) Explain two contrasting Christian views on whether Christians should prioritise helping people overseas or people in their own local community. Refer to a source of wisdom and authority in your answer. **(5)**

(e) Evaluate this statement: 'Supporting international aid charities is more important than evangelism for the Church today.' In your answer you should: refer to Christian teaching, refer to different points of view, reach a justified conclusion. **(12)**

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(Total for Question 2 is 24 marks)

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Question 1

belief 1: some Christians believe mission should focus on direct evangelism, actively preaching and inviting people to believe in Jesus, oe **B1**

development: based on Romans 10:14, 'how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?', oe **B1**

belief 2: other Christians believe mission is better carried out through practical service and example, showing Christian love through action such as aid and development work, oe **B1**

development: based on James 2:17, 'faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead', used to support acting out the faith rather than only preaching it, oe **B1**

reference to a source of wisdom and authority made accurately, oe **B1**

Answer: Contrast: mission through direct evangelism/preaching (Romans 10:14) vs mission through practical service and example (James 2:17).

Question 2

(a) to support people living in poverty around the world, oe **B1**

(a) Answer: To support people living in poverty around the world.

(b) donating money, oe **B1**

(b) volunteering time (or taking part in a sponsored fundraising event, or praying for the charity's work), oe **B1**

(b) Answer: E.g. donating money, and volunteering time.

(c) point 1: it helps to relieve poverty and suffering around the world, putting Jesus's teaching to help those in need into action, oe **B1**

(c) development: Matthew 25:40, 'whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me', oe **B1**

(c) point 2: it reflects the Christian belief in stewardship and generosity, that those who are relatively wealthy have a duty to share with those in greater need, oe **B1**

(c) development: 2 Corinthians 9:7 teaches that 'God loves a cheerful giver', encouraging generous giving, oe **B1**

(c) Answer: E.g. putting Jesus's teaching into action (Matthew 25:40); Christian stewardship and generosity (2 Corinthians 9:7).

(d) belief 1: some Christians believe helping people overseas should be a high priority, since suffering and poverty can be far greater in other parts of the world and the Christian message is for all nations, oe **B1**

(d) development: based on the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19), which calls Christians to reach out beyond their own community, oe **B1**

(d) belief 2: other Christians believe charity should begin closer to home, prioritising the local community first, oe **B1**

(d) development: based on Galatians 6:10, 'as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers', which some interpret as prioritising those nearby, oe **B1**

(d) reference to a source of wisdom and authority made accurately, oe **B1**

(d) Answer: Contrast: overseas mission prioritised as the Church's call to 'all nations' (Matthew 28:19) vs the local community prioritised first (Galatians 6:10).

(e) **L4** A well-argued, balanced answer that considers more than one point of view in a developed way, using accurate and detailed references to Christian teaching and/or scripture to support each point, and reaches a clear, justified conclusion. **10-12**

(e) **L3** A clear and reasoned answer that considers more than one point of view, supported by relevant references to Christian teaching and/or scripture, though the justification of the conclusion may be less developed. **7-9**

(e) **L2** A reasoned answer that considers at least one point of view, with some relevant supporting evidence, but with limited or no consideration of an alternative view. **4-6**

(e) **L1** One or more relevant points are made, but with little or no supporting evidence and no reasoned conclusion. **1-3**

(e) **L0** No relevant content. **0**

(e) Indicative content:

- Agree: practical aid meets urgent physical needs, e.g. food, clean water, medical care, that cannot wait, reflecting Jesus's teaching to care for 'the least of these' (Matthew 25:40).
- Agree: some Christians believe actions speak louder than words, and that generous, practical love is itself a powerful form of Christian witness.
- Agree: international poverty and disaster affect huge numbers of people, so charities like Christian Aid can be argued to have an urgent, large-scale impact.
- Disagree: the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) directly commands making disciples and teaching the faith, not only providing aid, so many Christians see evangelism as the Church's central task.
- Disagree: without evangelism, future generations may not come to faith at all, which many Christians consider a more serious and lasting loss than physical hardship, however severe.
- Disagree: many church mission programmes combine aid and evangelism together, e.g. through Christian-run schools, hospitals and development projects, so treating them as being in competition may be a false choice.
- A balanced conclusion might argue that most Christians see aid and evangelism as complementary parts of the Church's mission rather than one being strictly more important than the other, though individual Christians and denominations vary in how they balance the two priorities.

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