

'Helping those in need abroad is the most important part of the Christian mission.' Evaluate

REASONED ARGUMENT FOR THE STATEMENT...

- > Explain why some people would agree with this statement.
- > Develop your explanation with more detail and examples.
- > Refer to religious teaching. Use a quote or paraphrase or refer to religious authority.
- > Evaluate the arguments. Is this a good argument or not? Explain why you think this.

Reasons for...

- > It shows love to everyone, "love your neighbours."
- > God made us stewards of his world, meaning we need to protect everything in it - including other people.
- > It shows agape.
- > All Christians should help charities.

CONCLUSION...

- > Give a justified conclusion.
- > Include your own opinion together with your reasoning.
- > Include evaluation. Explain why you think one viewpoint is stronger than the other one or why are they equally as strong?
- > Do not just repeat arguments you have already used without explaining how they apply to your reasoned opinion/conclusion.

(12 Marks)

REASONED ARGUMENT AGAINST THE STATEMENT...

- > Explain why some people would support a different view.
- > Develop your explanation with more detail and examples.
- > Refer to religious teaching. Use a quote or paraphrase or refer to a ~~to~~ religious authority.
- > Evaluate the arguments. Is this a good argument or not? Explain why you think this.

Reasons against...

- > There are people who are in need in the UK, so we should help them as well.
- > Sometimes Christians can't be of help, only their government can.
- > Some people may think prayer is the most important part of the Christian mission, as this brings you closer to God.

KEY WORDS TO INCLUDE...

Agape = Unconditional love

Stewardship = Taking care of the Earth as God's creation,
So it can be passed on to the next generation.

It's Never right to Fight a holy War?

What is a holy war?

- It must only be declared by a fair religious leader.
- It must be a response to a threat to faith.
- It cannot be used to make people convert to another religion.
- It must be the last resort. All peaceful methods must have been tried first.

Conclusion (me)

- An excuse of violence.
- God wants what's best for everybody and to protect these people.

Argument Against

- Women and children could get hurt.
- Could be used as a threat (blackmail).
- Doesn't meet the criteria of being started by a legitimate person.
- In the name of Allah but isn't.

Arguments For?

- It's what God wants.
- There are certain circumstances in which Islam ~~permits~~ expects that force needs to be used, but only ever in self-defence.
- Muslim law is clear that Jihad can only be declared by a Muslim leader.
- Protection, i.e. self defence.

Belief in Oneness of Allah is all Muslims need to have (12mks)

Reasons for the statement ...

Explain why some people would agree with this statement.

- 'There's only one God'
- 'God has always existed.'
- 'He was not born - God is unique'
- 'Nothing can compare to God.'

Develop your explanation with more detail and examples.

- use religious teachings.

- 'He is God the one'
- 'He is eternal'
- 'He begot no one nor was he begotten'

Evaluate the arguments, is this a good argument or not?

YES - Muslims believe God's will is supreme (most powerful)
this means God can make anything happen that he wants to happen.

Nothing happens unless God allows it to happen

Reasons against the statement ...

Explain why some people would support a different view

Some Muslims believe they also need the 5 pillars of Islam as well as the oneness of Allah.

Develop your explanation with more detail and examples.

- Each pillar has key practices and duties which Muslims live by.
- Each pillar is as important as the rest.
- key to living a perfect Muslim life.
- equally as important as it tells a Muslim how to live according to the beliefs expressed in each pillar.

key words

Shahada - declaration of faith

Salah - prayer

Zakah - charitable giving

Sawm - fasting

Hajj - Pilgrimage

Conclusion

- include own opinion
- include evaluation - explain how you think one viewpoint is stronger/weaker.
- do not repeat arguments you've already used unless you explain how they relate to your opinion.

"BELIEF IN THE ONENESS OF ALLAH IS ALL A MUSLIM NEEDS TO HAVE", EVALUATE (12 MARKS)

Arguments for:

Tawhid is the single most important belief in Islam. The belief says there is one God (Allah) who is the universal God of all humanity.

This belief is important because God is:
Immanent - close by, you always have someone with you.

Transcendent - beyond all things, shows his true power.

Omniscient - all knowing, helps muslims follow the right path as Allah is always watching.

Beneficent - always kind and loving, always forgives allowing muslims to be closer to him.

Merciful - always forgives, if muslims repent they will go to heaven.

Judge - On the last day, God will decide if we go to heaven.

"Allah the One" "No one is comparable to him"
"God the eternal"

Arguments Against:

Another key belief is that Shahadah, Salat, Zakah, Sawm and Hajj (the five pillars) are equally important as God's oneness. They are the foundation of the religion as they teach important attributes such as: self discipline, appreciation, kindness and giving, importance of prayer and to follow the teachings of prophets.
"This is my path, leading straight, so follow it, and do not follow other ways". "God is well aware of what good you do".

Conclusion:

Sum up and evaluate both arguments, coming to your own conclusion. Eg: fully for, fully against, or both are important.

"All suffering can be used to show God's love"

Evaluate (12 marks)

God has given people free-will therefore it is up to us to decide or not to follow God's instructions.

creation was perfect

"and he saw that it was good"

God is justified in not intervening because original sin caused by Adam and Eve.

Arguments for this statement...

God's love is shown through him sending Jesus to wipe away sins.

If you have a bad tooth, you pull it out. Sometimes suffering is necessary.

We need to suffer to know between good and bad.

Suffering is a part of life.

"and he gave his only son"

It is in preparation for heaven as it gives people a chance to become better people and improve their souls.

If God has the power to get rid of suffering, why does he watch it happen?

If God is all-powerful and all-loving, why doesn't he stop innocent people suffer.

Arguments against this statement...

Unfair of God to punish all of humanity for the sins of another

It's hard to explain biologically how original sin is passed from one generation to another.

Reasons for...

- "Love your neighbour as you do yourself"
↳ Should start at home.
- "Problems abroad are government issues
not just the Christian's problem"
- All people should be helping others,
not just Christians.
- E.g. food banks distribute food to
those who need it most - Street
pastors volunteers in town / cities
at night to help those in need.

Quotes

- "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink"
- "Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."
- "Love your neighbour"
- Paragraph 26 of Gaudium et spes → a key Catholic document.
"Every social group must take account of all the needs and legitimate aspirations of other groups, and even of the general welfare of the entire human family"

Charities should focus more on helping the poor in Britain

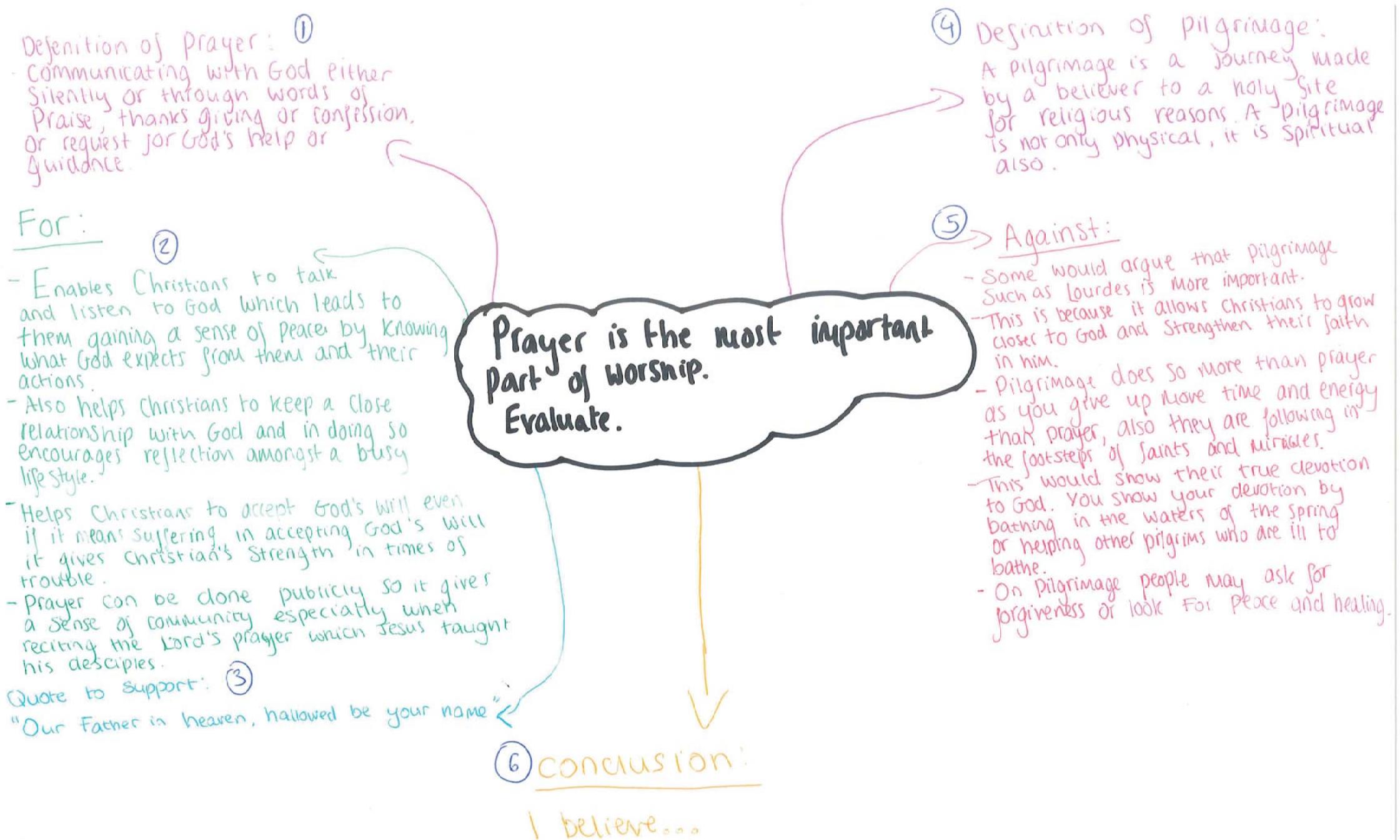
Reasons against

- People who have been good and helped others will be looked after by God
- Agape is unconditional love for anyone, anywhere.
- Christian aid and CAFOD work to fight poverty around the world

Conclusion

- Give a justified conclusion including personal opinion
- Evaluate without repeating previously stated arguments.

I believe that charities should/shouldn't focus more on helping the poor in Britain because...



Shahadah is far more important than the other 4 Pillars. (12 mark)

What is shahadah?

'There is no god but God and muhammed is the prophet of God' This forms the central support for the 'House of Islam'. Therefore all other pillars are all outward expressions of this belief.

for

Other pillar are based around this main belief therefore the Shahadan is heard numerous times by muslims daily. Shahadan is recited in the 5 daily Prayers therefore shanadan is highly relevant in muslim life and outweighs other pillars as it is the central foundation of the beliefs.

Conclusion

Although the 4 pillars are important the Shahadah can be seen as more important as it is the foundation of Islam that Allah is the only God and muhammed is his messenger.

Against

Other muslims may argue that the other pillars are more important such as ibadah as the cult of worship and obeying Allah can be seen as the most important for keeping Allah Law what is most important. A No Salat Self control which can be seen as more important. It keeps your heart away and stops the Shitan loosing your heart.