

a) Describe Christian beliefs about the use of animals in medical research. (8 marks)

Candidate 1

Christians say that killing animals is wrong because God made them.

Candidate 2

Christians say that it is ok to experiment on animals because they haven't got souls and don't have rights

Candidate 3

Some Christians say that it is alright to experiment on animals for good reasons. They say this because they believe that human beings are more important as we are sacred. Other Christians might disagree they say that God has made us stewards of the earth so we must look after all the animals so we shouldn't hurt animals unless we really have to. God made them and he won't like it if we kill what he made.

Candidate 4

Not all Christians think the same thing about animal experiments. Some Christians might say that God has granted man dominion over the animals and therefore we can use them as we like. They may argue that Humans are more important than animals because we have sanctity of life. Some Christians believe that because animals don't have souls they don't have rights. If we are more important then if we allow an animal to die to save a human life it is worth while. Other Christians might disagree. They may say that cruelty and suffering is never necessary, God made the animals they are a part of his creation and should be treated with respect. Jesus himself said that the meek were blessed, some Christians might say that this includes animals. Roman Catholics might agree with pope John Paul 2 who said, 'Scientists must abandon laboratories and factories of death.'

Candidate 5

Jesus killed fish so killing animals is ok.

Candidate 6

Christians worship Ganesh who has a head like an elephant so they won't lick it if you kill an animal. They say God made us stewards so we have to look after the animals.

Candidate 7

I think it is cruel to kill animals because they should have the same rights as humans.

Candidate 8

Some Christians think vivisection is wrong because God made us stewards of the earth, he said look after the earth and that means don't abuse your power. Other Christians say that as stewards we could experiment on animals as long as it's not cruel for no good reason.