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91919 Demonstrate understanding of perspectives of different religious or spiritual communities on an issue

Credits: Five

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Demonstrate understanding of perspectives of different religious or spiritual communities on an issue.	Explain perspectives of different religious or spiritual communities on an issue.	Examine perspectives of different religious or spiritual communities on an issue.

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There is ONE question in this booklet. You should answer the question in this booklet.

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Make sure you have the paper Resource Booklet 91919R.

INSTRUCTIONS

Resource Booklet 91919R contains fictional responses by real religious or spiritual communities to two different issues, as shown below.

Space for planning your answer is provided below.

Select ONE issue to focus on in your response:

- Cost of living crisis (Resource A)
- Climate refugees (Resource B)

PLANNING

Intro- The Confucianism perspectives are learnt from the Doctrine of the Mean or Zhongyong, a holy book. Two key concepts that guide the Confucianism faiths response to the cost of living crisis is Ren (humaneness) and Zhong (loyalty and faithfulness).

The Catholic perspectives are learnt from the teachings of scripture, the magisterium, and traditions of the church. Two key concepts that guide the Catholic faiths response to the cost of living crisis is Human Dignity and Solidarity.

Wider implications: social, political, and economical

E.g lobbying/protesting, sending official letters to change policies, creating organisations, the long-term plan

QUESTION

Apply your understanding of the following question to one religious or spiritual community from the resource booklet, and also one that you have studied in class.

- (a) Identify a religious or spiritual community you have studied in class.

Catholic faith community

(b) How do the principles of **both** communities shape their perspective on your selected issue?

In your answer, include relevant examples and consider how each perspective may have wider social impacts.

You should aim to write a concise answer of up to 800 words. The quality of your writing is more important than the length of your answer. (The counter will change colour when you reach the recommended maximum word count.)

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The Confucianism perspectives are learnt from the the holy book: Doctrine of the Mean or Zhongyong. Two key principles in the Confucianism that shape their perspective on the cost of living crisis is Ren (humaneness) and Zhong (loyalty and faithfulness). The Catholic perspectives are learnt from the teachings of scripture, the magisterium, and traditions of the church. Two key principles in the Catholic faith that shape their perspective on the cost of living crisis is Human Dignity and Solidarity.

Two key principles that shape both the Confucianism and Catholic perspective and furthermore their response to the cost of living crisis are Ren (humaneness) and Human Dignity. Both of these principles align and are taught throughout both communities, shaping their perspective on the cost of living crisis. Ren is a core principle in Confucianism, often translated as 'benevolence' or 'humaneness'. It emphasises empathy and consideration for others. This consideration includes caring for those in vulnerable situations, like those struggling in the cost of living crisis. Similar to the principle of Ren, the Catholic faith follow the principle of Human Dignity. Human Dignity is a core principle that emphasises how we are all made in the image and likeness of God, and therefore all life is sacred. Human Dignity teaches the importance of caring for one another and having a mutual respect for those around you. The principle of Ren is demonstrated in the holy book Doctrine of the Mean or Zhongyong. It emphasises the importance of taking care of, and respecting the people around you. In the Catholic faith, Human dignity is demonstrated in the second Greatest Commandment spoken by Jesus. To "love thy neighbour, as thyself". Human Dignity is also a Catholic Social Teaching, taught to in Catholic schools all around the world on the importance of dignifying the lives of everyone around us. The principle of Ren and Human Dignity shape both the Confucianism and Catholic perspective and further response to the cost of living crisis by emphasising the importance of empathising with those in struggling situations and doing everything you can to assist them. Global organisations and local organisations in both the Confucianism and Catholic faith demonstrate these key principles by providing aid and essentials to those in vulnerable communities. These principles have shaped both the Confucianism and Catholic response to the cost of living crisis by encouraging groups to not only assist those in need but also stand up for the dignity of those affected by the cost of living crisis. Families all around the world, like Chen's family (Resource A) are suffering from the rises in the cost of food and other basic necessities. When in action, principles like Ren and Human Dignity can help restore the dignity of lives that may be affected by the cost of living crisis, donating food and other essentials to the poor and vulnerable. Overall, key principles like Ren and Human Dignity shape both the Confucianism and Catholic perspective and response to the cost of living crisis, encouraging both communities to care for the lives of those affected by meeting their needs and giving them assistance.

Another two principles that shape both the Confucianism and Catholic perspective and furthermore response to the cost of living crisis are Zhong (loyalty and faithfulness) and Solidarity. Both of these principles align and are taught throughout both communities, shaping their perspective to the cost of living crisis. Zhong is a core principle in Confucianism, meaning loyalty and faithfulness. It emphasises loyalty and devotion to both family and society, including giving aid to members of the community who are struggling, like those impacted by the cost of living crisis. Similar to the principle of Zhong, the Catholic faith follow the principle of Solidarity. Solidarity is a core principle that emphasises togetherness and community. Solidarity teaches the importance of standing together when times are tough. So when communities are impacted by the cost of living crisis it is a Catholics moral duty to do anything they can to help. The principle of Zhong is demonstrated in the holy book Doctrine of the Mean or Zhongyong. It emphasises fulfilling family and community duties without neglect. In the Catholic faith, Solidarity is demonstrated throughout the holy bible, as well as in Pope Francis' encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti'. In his encyclical, Pope Francis spoke about the importance of fraternity and being of a single "brotherhood". The principle of Zhong and Solidarity shape both the Confucianism and Catholic perspective and response to the cost of living crisis by emphasising the importance of staying loyal and showing togetherness within communities, assisting the poor and vulnerable in any way possible. Global organisations and local organisations in both the Confucianism and Catholic faith demonstrate these key principles by assisting those in struggling communities by giving them basic necessities like food, clothing, and shelter. These principles have shaped both the Confucianism and Catholic response to the cost of living crisis by standing alongside those who need assistance and providing them with the essentials they need. Families all around the world, like Chen's family (Resource A) are in difficult positions, having to make decisions about what they can afford and what they have sacrifice in order to make ends meet, due to the continuing rise of prices for basic necessities. When in action, principles like Zhong and Solidarity can help to rehabilitate communities that have been affected by the cost of living crisis, offering assistance and guidance to members of the community that are seeking aid. Overall, key principles like Zhong and Solidarity shape both the Confucianism and Catholic perspective and response to the cost of living crisis, encouraging both communities to stand alongside those affected, and providing aid in anyway possible.

In summary, both the Confucianism and Catholic communities have demonstrated how key principles such as Ren, Human Dignity, Zhong, and Solidarity have shaped their perspective and furthermore their response to the cost of living crisis. Both perspectives have wider implications that can be put into action by not only the communities themselves, but by everyone who is in a position to help. Both Ren and Human Dignity can be demonstrated globally by lobbying for those affected by the cost of living crisis. Letters can be written to governments to amend policies by reducing the prices of basic necessities or increasing average wages and salaries, to help reduce the amount of communities affected by the cost of living crisis. Both Zhong and Solidarity can be demonstrated through peaceful protests/marches, encouraging governments to create initiatives that provide assistance to struggling communities. Local and global organisations can also work together to create interfaith projects that will resolve the cost of living crisis by helping families all around the world like Chen's family (Resource A). Initiatives can include: providing financial assistance, creating access to basic necessities, and creating employment opportunities. Overall both the Confucianism and Catholic perspectives can be actioned globally to encourage other religions and community groups to assist in anyway that they can, creating a global community to fight against the intensifying cost of living crisis.

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One	E8	The candidate discussed how the principles inform the perspectives of different religious or spiritual communities on the issue, with reference to the wider social context in relation to Confucianism and Catholicism.