**(c) Explain why Baptism is important for many Christians (8)**

One reason that Baptism is important for Christians is because Jesus in the Bible taught that unless someone was born of ‘water and the Spirit’ they could not enter heaven. This means that Baptism is important because you have to have been baptised to enter Heaven and Christians will want to spend eternity with God.

Baptism is also important to Christians because it is a way of welcoming a child into the Church. This is important because it means that the child has the best possible start to life because the Godparents make promises to guide the child in the way of Christ and to reject the devil. They help children make the right decisions in life.

Finally, it is important to Christians because Jesus was Baptised himself in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. As Jesus was the perfect human being, Christians would want to follow in his footsteps and get baptised themselves. When Jesus was baptised, the Holy Spirit descended on him, so Christians would also ask the Holy Spirit to be present with them to bless and guide them through life.

**D Question Capital Punishment is always wrong.**

**Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [15]**

**(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer)**

**Answer 1**

Capital punishment isn’t always wrong because sometime people deserve to be killed. If my mam

was murdered by a criminal who just didn’t care then I think they should be killed by the police. For

one thing they deserve it because the Bible says whoever makes a person bleed should be bleeded also which is about killing not just bleeding. Also, capital punishment isn’t wrong because some

crimes are very serious, like murder, rape and child abuse. Some people have done terrible things

and have to face the consequences. Not agreeing with the death penalty is also a very new idea.

People in the olden days never used to think there was any problem with it and lots of people in

America still don’t. And these people are all Christians who believe what the Bible has said so

it can’t be wrong if they are following the Bible and capital punishing people.

It also stops more murders from happening because the murderers have been put to death. It also stops murders because people who might think about murder are put off it by being afraid of

having capital punishment done to them.

On the other hand, you should always forgive people. Jesus says you have to forgive and forgive and forgive so even terrible things have to be forgiven. So, if that is true capital punishment is always wrong. Also, sometimes innocent people are killed by accident which is awful. That’s another reason not to have capital punishment. In conclusion, I think capital punishment is not always wrong. Sometimes it’s ok.