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Answer ANY **ONE** question:

1. An essential part of the Church's pastoral ministry is to work for a truly inclusive society. Discuss this statement and explain the ethical and theological framework that should animate and guide the Church's social ministry, including experiences of pain and suffering.
2. We are living in a world in which global transformations are taking place in economics, politics and culture. Explain the significance and importance that the local Church should attach to globalization in its pastoral ministry and the challenge that recent developments in biotechnology are posing to the Church today.
3. "Pastoral Counselling is by no means a new field for the Pastor. What is new is the opportunity to combine pastoral concerns with a growing knowledge of personality... This should not be seen as a threat for the Pastor's identity. Identity is a problem of being not of techniques" (Wise, 1983, p. X). How is Pastoral Counselling related to the Pastor's identity?