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General Certificate of Education
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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 7
assessing

Foundations of Ethics with Special Reference to
Issues in Medical Ethics

MV18

[SRE71]

WEDNESDAY 31 MAY, AFTERNOON

Time

1 hour 20 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

Instructions to Candidates

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

Information for Candidates

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions. Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Advice to Candidates

You are advised to take account of the marks for each part question in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A.

1 (a) “The Decalogue is morally binding on Christians.”

With reference to this statement, explain the importance of the Decalogue in addressing issues in medical ethics. [25 marks]

(b) Comment on the view that Natural Moral Law provides the best approach for guidance on ethical dilemmas. Justify your answer. [25 marks]

2 (a) With particular reference to the nature of love, discuss the approach of Situation Ethics to moral decision making. [25 marks]

(b) Assess the claim that teleological ethics are dangerous and unchristian. Justify your answer. [25 marks]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B.

3 (a) Explain how the acts/omissions doctrine is central to the debate on Euthanasia. [25 marks]

(b) “An ethical system without absolutes is not ethics at all.”

With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the truth of this claim. Justify your answer.
[25 marks]

4 (a) In what ways do different views on the status of the embryo inform developments in bioethics? [25 marks]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess the view that new reproductive technologies undermine the equal dignity of individuals. Justify your answer. [25 marks]

