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## Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 6

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Religious Ethics: Foundations,  
Principles and Practice

[AR161]



THURSDAY 24 JANUARY, AFTERNOON

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### TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Candidate Number and Centre 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 down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

### ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

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

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## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Explain how Utilitarianism and Situation Ethics are teleological approaches to moral decision-making. [35]
- (b) "Situation Ethics is the only true Christian ethic." Comment on this claim. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the ethical arguments in support of suicide. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that suicide is a violation of religious teaching. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain how the Decalogue informs the Christian about duties to God and neighbour. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that Biblical ethics are relevant in any age. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of Christian views on the issue of divorce. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that cohabitation can lead to better relationships. Justify your answer. [15]

