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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 6

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Religious Ethics: Foundations,
Principles and Practice

[AR161]

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MONDAY 23 JUNE, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** 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)** "The love ethic is central to Christian morality."

With reference to this statement, give an account of the contribution of Joseph Fletcher to the development of Situation Ethics. [35]

(b) To what extent is Situation Ethics really a form of Utilitarianism? Justify your answer. [15]

2 **(a)** Explain the relevance of the Decalogue for issues in Christian morality. [35]

(b) Explore the view that morality without religious belief is impossible. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 **(a)** Give an account of the various religious and ethical views on the place of sex in human relationships. [35]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that sexual abstinence is important in the conduct of sexual morality. Justify your answer. [15]

4 **(a)** Explain how Christian moral teaching can inform the debate about human surrogacy. [35]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that surrogacy undermines marriage, the family and society. Justify your answer. [15]

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