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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 6

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Religious Ethics: Foundations,
Principles and Practice



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WEDNESDAY 17 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) "Christianity demands very high ethical and moral standards from its followers."
Explain this statement in relation to Paul's ethical teaching. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that Christians should be faithful to the moral teaching of Jesus rather than Paul. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) With reference to particular moral examples, explain the appeal of Utilitarianism in a secular age. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that Utilitarianism and Christian Ethics are totally opposed to one another. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) With reference to relevant examples, explain what Christians understand by the principle of the Sacredness of Human Life. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the suggestion that this principle is now largely irrelevant. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the moral problems involved for Christians on the issue of contraception. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that the State should not be permitted to manage human fertility. Justify your answer. [15]

