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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 6
assessing
Religious Ethics: Foundations,
Principles and Practice



AR161

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TUESDAY 30 MAY, 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** 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) “The Sermon on the Mount reveals the importance of the correct moral attitude for the Christian.”

Explain, using examples from the text, how this is evident in the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount. [35]

- (b) Explore the view that the ethical teaching contained in the Bible has little relevance for issues in medical ethics. Justify your answer. [15]

- 2 (a) Explain how Situation Ethics is faithful to the moral example of Jesus. [35]

- (b) “The central problem with Situation Ethics is that anything can be justified in the name of love.”

Explore the truth of this statement. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) With particular reference to a risk to the life of the mother, give an account of the moral difficulties that abortion raises for the Christian. [35]

- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that it is always the duty of the state to protect human life. Justify your answer. [15]

- 4 (a) With particular reference to Natural Moral Law, explain the religious and moral issues raised by same-sex relationships. [35]

- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that chastity is both desirable and necessary. Justify your answer. [15]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
