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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 7

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Foundations of Ethics with Special Reference to  
Issues in Medical Ethics



SRE71

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**WEDNESDAY 31 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 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]

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

[25]

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

[25]

**(b)** Assess the claim that teleological ethics are dangerous and unchristian. Justify your answer.

[25]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B.

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

**(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]

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

**(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]

