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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 7
assessing
Foundations of Ethics with Special Reference to
Issues in Medical Ethics



SRE71

[SRE71]
TUESDAY 28 MAY, MORNING

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) Examine the importance of the Primary Precepts in Natural Moral Law. [25]

(b) To what extent is it true that morality should be about obeying moral commands? Justify your answer. [25]

2 (a) Explain how the Sanctity of Life principle informs the arguments against euthanasia. [25]

(b) Assess the view that the legalisation of euthanasia would fatally undermine the doctor/patient relationship. Justify your answer. [25]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B.

3 (a) “Situation Ethics is a theory that puts the person at the centre of moral decision making.”

With reference to this statement, explain the key principles in Situation Ethics. [25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the validity of Narrative Ethics for moral decision making in medical ethics. Justify your answer. [25]

4 (a) Examine how the case for assisted conception can be supported by utilitarian theory. [25]

(b) “Religion must have a role in the public square on faith and moral matters.”

With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the truth of this statement. Justify your answer. [25]

