

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Religious Ethics 1

TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2008

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Afternoon
Time: 1 hour

Additional materials (enclosed): None

Additional materials (required):
Answer Booklet (8 pages)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions, one from each part.
- Do **not** answer two questions from the same part.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the separate Answer Booklet provided.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the Answer Booklet.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the Answer Booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The quality of your written communication will be taken into account.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.

This document consists of **2** printed pages.

Answer **two** questions, **one** from Part 1 and **one** from Part 2.

Part 1

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 1 (a) Explain how moral relativism would help in making decisions about abortion. [33]
 (b) 'Abortion is an absolute right.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain the main weaknesses of Bentham's version of Utilitarianism. [33]
 (b) 'Mill's version of Utilitarianism avoids the problems associated with Bentham's version.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain one ethical theory which could be considered relativist. [33]
 (b) 'No ethical theory is completely relativist.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 4 (a) Explain the ethical issues surrounding the concept of personhood. [33]
 (b) 'Embryos are persons.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Explain the strengths of Kant's theory of ethics. [33]
 (b) How useful is Kant's ethical theory in making a decision about euthanasia? [17]
- 6 (a) Explain how the ethics of the religion you have studied might approach issues surrounding euthanasia. [33]
 (b) 'Religious ethics leave no room for compassionate treatment of the dying.' Discuss. [17]

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