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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

MV18

[SRE71]

WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE, MORNING

Time

1 hour 20 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

Instructions to Candidates

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Do not write on blank pages.

Complete in black ink only.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

Information for Candidates

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

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) Describe the contribution of Joseph Fletcher to Situation Ethics with particular reference to his views on rules in moral decision making. [25 marks]

(b) “Situation Ethics is not a Christian approach to moral decision making as it is essentially utilitarian and relativistic in character.”

Assess the truth of this statement. Justify your answer.
[25 marks]

2 (a) With particular reference to the passive/active distinction, summarise the main reasons why euthanasia is controversial. [25 marks]

(b) “A human being is a person from the moment of conception until death.”

Assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25 marks]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 (a) For what reasons can Natural Moral Law be considered a deontological approach to moral decision making?
[25 marks]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the view that in a morally confused age, moral absolutes are still required. Justify your answer.
[25 marks]

4 (a) “In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) has moral implications for Christians in the areas of marriage and the family.”

Discuss this statement. [25 marks]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess the claim that to assert the sovereignty of the individual in ethical matters undermines the place of God and religion. Justify your answer. [25 marks]

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