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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



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FRIDAY 2 JUNE, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

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.

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

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Give an account of the central moral principles taught by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. [25]
- (b) Evaluate the view that human reason has greater authority in medical ethics than religious teaching. Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) Explain how mitochondrial donation (three-parent babies) poses ethical problems for Christians. [25]
- (b) "Personal rights are all that matter in medical ethics."
To what extent is this true? Justify your answer. [25]



Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) With reference to Peter Singer's ideas, explain why he is described as a utilitarian moral philosopher. [25]

- (b) "Since utilitarianism can justify almost anything, it can never be a suitable ethic for today."

With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]

- 4 (a) In what ways do religious and secular views differ on the key issues in the abortion debate? [25]

- (b) "Views on faith and morality should be private and not a matter for debate in the public square."

With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]

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