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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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**MONDAY 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) With reference to **four** of the Commandments, explain how the Decalogue shows there is a link between religious faith and moral living. [25]
- (b) “The Decalogue is no longer the best starting point for issues in medical ethics.”  
To what extent do you agree with this view? Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) Explain why religious views differ on the morality of abortion. [25]
- (b) “The sanctity of life and quality of life principles are both equally important in modern medical ethics.”  
Evaluate this view. Justify your answer. [25]



**Section B**

Answer **one** question from Section B

**3 (a)** Describe the appeal of Situation Ethics for Christians. [25]

**(b)** “The main weakness of Narrative Ethics for medical ethics is that it ignores the place of principles in moral decision making.”

With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess this claim.

Justify your answer. [25]

**4 (a)** With particular reference to the utilitarian approach, discuss how new reproductive technologies can benefit society. [25]

**(b)** “Moral absolutes are important for both religious and non-religious people.”

With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess this claim.

Justify your answer. [25]

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