



General Certificate of Secondary Education
2025

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Religious Studies

Paper 6

An Introduction to
Christian Ethics

MV18

[GRE61]

TUESDAY 13 MAY, MORNING

Time

1 hour 30 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. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** and **two** from **three** questions in **Section B** in the spaces provided in this booklet.

Information for Candidates

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **Section B** Questions **5(c)**, **6(c)** and **7(c)**, where **two** questions only are required to be completed.

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

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 Contemporary issues in Christianity

(a) (i) What is absolute poverty? [1 mark]

(ii) What is relative poverty? [1 mark]

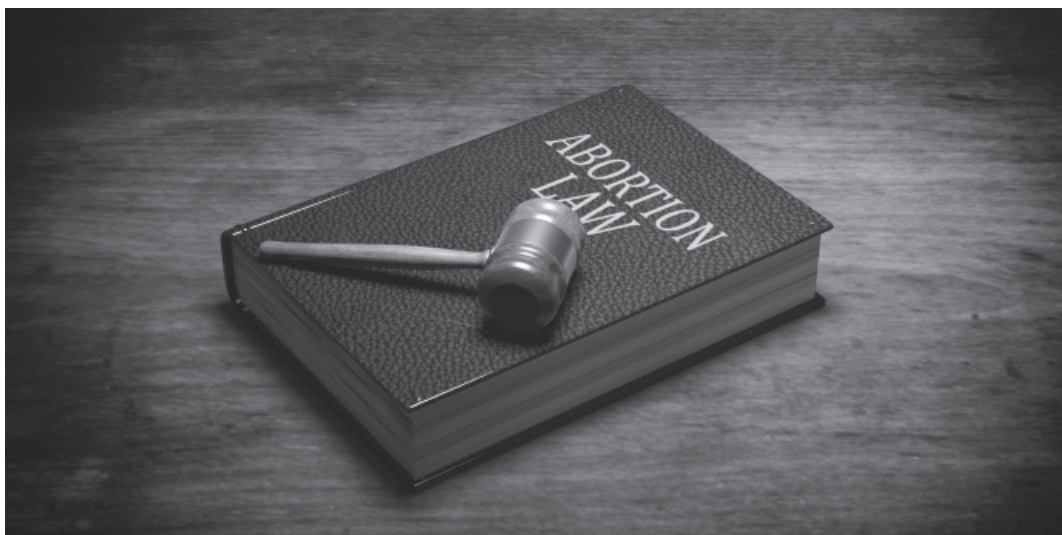
(iii) Give **two** causes of poverty. [1 mark for each]

1. _____

2. _____

(iv) Name a Christian organisation that fights against poverty. [1 mark]

3 Abortion



(a) Outline the reasons why some people support abortion.
[5 marks]

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(Questions continue overleaf)

Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section.

Write on the pages provided at the end of the examination paper.

5 Developments in bioethics

- (a) Outline the reasons why some people support surrogacy. [5 marks]
- (b) Explain why dealing with infertility may be difficult for Christian couples. [5 marks]
- (c) “Biblical and Church teaching is outdated in relation to developments in new reproductive technologies.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Christian teaching in your answer. [10 marks]

6 Punishment

- (a) Describe what is involved in restorative justice.
[5 marks]
- (b) Explain why some Christians are in favour of capital punishment. [5 marks]
- (c) “Reforming criminals should be the only aim of punishment.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Christian teaching in your answer. [10 marks]

7 Euthanasia

- (a) Describe, using examples, the different types of euthanasia. [5 marks]
- (b) Explain how having a religious faith can help a person who is terminally ill. [5 marks]
- (c) “Euthanasia is a loving and compassionate act.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Christian teaching in your answer. [10 marks]

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