

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS  
ADVANCED GCE**

**F503**

**CRITICAL THINKING**

**Ethical Reasoning and Decision-Making**

**WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY 2011: Afternoon**

**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes**

**SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES**

**Candidates answer on the answer booklet.**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:**

**Resource booklet**

**8 page answer booklet**

**(sent with general stationery)**

**OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

**None**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- **Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.**
- **Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.**
- **Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**
- **Answer ALL the questions.**

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- **The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.**
- **The total number of marks for this paper is 60.**
- **You are advised to spend about 15 minutes reading through the resource booklet and question paper before answering the questions.**
- **You will be marked on the quality of your written communication in questions 3 and 4.**

Read the RESOURCE BOOKLET and then answer ALL the following questions:

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

Governments and fertility clinics have to make choices about providing IVF treatment. You may interpret question 1 with reference to governments and/or fertility clinics. Question 2 refers to governments and questions 3 and 4 to clinics.

- 1 (a) Suggest and briefly explain ONE problem with the reasoning in DOCUMENT 1 in FAVOUR of restricting the age at which women may receive IVF. [3]
- (b) Suggest and briefly explain ONE problem in using DOCUMENT 3 to OPPOSE restricting the age at which women may receive IVF. [3]
- 2 Governments could decide to set a maximum age for women to receive IVF treatment. Suggest and briefly explain TWO problems in putting such a policy into practice. [3+3]
- 3 Fertility clinics could choose to provide IVF treatment to women up to the age of 60 but not older. Suggest THREE criteria (eg child welfare) and use them to evaluate this choice. [12]

**4 Write an argument supporting any ONE choice which fertility clinics could make concerning which women they would accept for IVF treatment. You may use the choice referred to in question 3 or any other choice.**

**In your argument you should use some relevant principles and explain why you have rejected at least one ALTERNATIVE choice. Support your argument by referring critically to material from the resource booklet. [36]**

**Total Marks [60]**



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