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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 6
assessing
Religious Ethics: Foundations,
Principles and Practice



AR161

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THURSDAY 23 JUNE, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.
Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.
Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each question or part question in allocating the available examination time.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Explain the religious and ethical arguments used to support the case for assisted conception. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that reproductive ethics have not kept pace with reproductive technology. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Examine the moral difficulties faced by Christians in confronting suicide. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that suicide is an act of moral cowardice. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain how Natural Moral Law represents a deontological approach to moral decision making. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that Natural Law is no longer relevant in a relativistic age. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain the religious and moral issues involved in a Christian understanding of marriage. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that cohabitation is a poor substitute for marriage. Justify your answer. [15]

