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RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 7a

Studies in Religion and Ethics

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 21 June 2006

(1 hour 30 minutes)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry 25 marks. The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all questions.

Answer two questions

1. (a) Explain what Kant's categorical imperative has in common with the ethical principles of any **one** major world religion. [15]
(b) 'Religious morality is more relevant than Kantian ethics in dealing with moral issues today.'
Evaluate this contention from the perspective of any **one** major world religion. [10]

2. (a) Explain ethical arguments against making abortion available in all circumstances. [15]
(b) 'A woman should have the right to have a foetus aborted if it showed signs of severe brain damage.'
Evaluate this contention from the perspective of any **one** major world religion. [10]

3. (a) Explain the concept of human rights, giving examples to illustrate your answer. [15]
(b) 'Acting fairly towards one group of people often means that others are treated unfairly.'
Evaluate this contention. [10]