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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 6

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Religious Ethics: Foundations, Principles
and Practice

[AR161]



THURSDAY 18 JUNE, MORNING

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** question 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.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Describe, with examples, the main characteristics of Pauline ethics. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that Paul's moral standards are too demanding for the Christian. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Give an account of Christian teachings on marriage and divorce. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that the availability of divorce has damaged the status of marriage. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain the approach of Natural Law to moral decision making. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that moral absolutes are unhelpful for moral decision making. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the religious and moral arguments involved in the abortion debate. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that the principle of the sacredness of Human Life has been seriously challenged. Justify your answer. [15]

