

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced Subsidiary GCE**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**2762**

**RELIGIOUS ETHICS 1 (AS)**

Thursday

**9 JUNE 2005**

Afternoon

1 hour

Additional materials:  
Answer paper

**TIME** 1 hour

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper/ answer booklet.

Write your answers on the separate answer paper provided.

If you use more than one sheet of paper, fasten the sheets together.

Answer **two** questions, one from each part.

Do **not** answer two questions from the same part.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

The quality of your written communication will be taken into account.

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**This question paper consists of 2 printed pages.**

Answer two questions, one from Part 1 and one from Part 2.

Part 1

Answer one question from this part.

- 1 (a) Explain the main differences between Utilitarianism and the ethics of Kant. [33]  
(b) 'Happiness is the most important consideration in ethics.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain what is meant by moral relativism. [33]  
(b) 'Morality needs absolute rules.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain how belief in the sanctity of life may influence an ethical approach to abortion. [33]  
(b) 'A foetus is not a person.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer one question from this part.

- 4 (a) Explain what is meant by Virtue Ethics. [33]  
(b) 'Virtue Ethics does not work in practice.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Explain one ethical theory that has its basis in religion. [33]  
(b) 'It is indefensible to base ethics on religion.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Explain the argument that all women have the right to a child. [33]  
(b) 'The right to a child should not be an absolute right.' Discuss. [17]