

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2762

RELIGIOUS ETHICS 1 (AS)

Tuesday

17 JANUARY 2006

Morning

1 hour

Additional materials:
8-page answer booklet

TIME 1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the 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.

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 how Bentham's version of Utilitarianism can be used to decide on the right course of action. [33]
 (b) Evaluate a Utilitarian approach to abortion. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain the differences between absolute and relative morality. [33]
 (b) 'Relativist theories give no convincing reason why people should bother to be good.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain the ethical teachings of the religion you have studied. [33]
 (b) 'Religious ethics are too rigid for moral decision making.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer one question from this part.

- 4 (a) Explain Kant's theory of the Categorical Imperative. [33]
 (b) How useful is the Categorical Imperative when considering embryo research? [17]
- 5 (a) Give an account of Kant's ethical theory. [33]
 (b) 'Kant's ethical theory is a good approach to euthanasia.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Explain the strengths of the Natural Law theory. [33]
 (b) To what extent could a believer in Natural Law accept embryo research? [17]