

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
RELIGIOUS ETHICS 2 (AS)

2770

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 the differences between hard determinism and libertarianism. [33]
 (b) 'People are not responsible for their actions.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain how different thinkers have understood the nature of conscience. [33]
 (b) To what extent is conscience a reliable guide when making ethical decisions? [17]
- 3 (a) Explain the weaknesses of moral relativism. [33]
 (b) 'Moral Relativism is not the best approach to matters of sex and relationships.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer one question from this part.

- 4 (a) Explain the teachings of the religion you have studied in relation to the treatment of war criminals. [33]
 (b) 'War justifies any behaviour.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Explain how Utilitarianism can be applied to environmental ethics. [33]
 (b) 'A Utilitarian approach to the environment is of little practical use.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Explain the strengths of Kant's theory of ethics. [33]
 (b) How helpful would Kant's theory of ethics be in the debate about abortion? [17]