

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2762

RELIGIOUS ETHICS 1 (AS)

Thursday

8 JUNE 2006

Afternoon

1 hour

Additional materials:
8 page 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.

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) Describe the main strengths and weaknesses of Utilitarianism. [33]
 (b) 'Utilitarianism is a good approach to genetic engineering.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain how the ethics of the religion you have studied might be considered absolute. [33]
 (b) How far can a religious theory of ethics be justified? [17]
- 3 (a) Explain how moral absolutism might be applied to issues surrounding the right to a child. [33]
 (b) 'Absolute morality is an unfair approach to apply to issues surrounding the right to a child.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer one question from this part.

- 4 (a) Give an account of Kant's theory of universal maxims. [33]
 (b) 'Kant's ethical theory is too inflexible.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Explain how a follower of Natural Law might approach the issue of abortion. [33]
 (b) 'A woman has the right to choose an abortion.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Explain what is meant by the sanctity of life. [33]
 (b) 'The concept of the sanctity of life is not helpful in understanding the issues surrounding euthanasia.' Discuss. [17]