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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit AS 6
assessing
Religious Ethics: Foundations,
Principles and Practice
[AR161]



TUESDAY 27 JANUARY, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Candidate Number and Centre Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** 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 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) Explain the approach of Utilitarianism to moral decision-making. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that the weakness of Utilitarianism is that moral decisions are always made in the interests of the majority. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the ethical arguments put forward for voluntary Euthanasia. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that for Christians 'mercy-killing' is never acceptable. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain Jesus' teaching on murder, revenge and judgement as recorded in the Sermon on the Mount. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the relevance of this religious teaching. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the moral arguments raised in the debate about contraception. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that the moral and religious issues surrounding population control have always been difficult and complex. Justify your answer. [15]

