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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 6

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**Religious Ethics: Foundations,
Principles and Practice**

[AR161]



THURSDAY 24 JANUARY, AFTERNOON

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** question 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 printed 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 in allocating the available examination time.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Explain how Utilitarianism and Situation Ethics are teleological approaches to moral decision-making. [35]
- (b) "Situation Ethics is the only true Christian ethic." Comment on this claim. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the ethical arguments in support of suicide. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that suicide is a violation of religious teaching. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain how the Decalogue informs the Christian about duties to God and neighbour. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that Biblical ethics are relevant in any age. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of Christian views on the issue of divorce. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that cohabitation can lead to better relationships. Justify your answer. [15]

