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# Religious Studies

Paper 6

An Introduction to  
Christian Ethics



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## TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

**You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.**

**Do not write outside the boxed area on each page or on blank pages.**

Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** and **two** from **three** questions in **Section B** in the spaces provided in this booklet.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in Section B Questions **5(c)**, **6(c)** and **7(c)**, where **two** questions only are required to be completed.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.



## Section A

Answer **all** questions.

### 1 Personal and Family Issues

(a) (i) What is meant by the word homosexual?

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(ii) Name **two** different types of family.

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(iii) Give **one** reason why a marriage might end in divorce.

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(iv) Give **one** quality a Christian might look for in a marriage partner.

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(b) Explain Christian teaching on marriage.

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(c) “Living with a partner is preferable to getting married.”

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.

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## 2 Contemporary Issues in Christianity

(a) (i) Name **two** different types of prejudice.

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(ii) Give **two** reasons why some people live in poverty.

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(iii) Name a Christian organisation helping to fight poverty and injustice.

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**(b)** Do you think Bible teaching on helping people in need is still relevant today?

Give reasons for your answer.

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**(c)** "Christians should make more effort to buy fair trade products."

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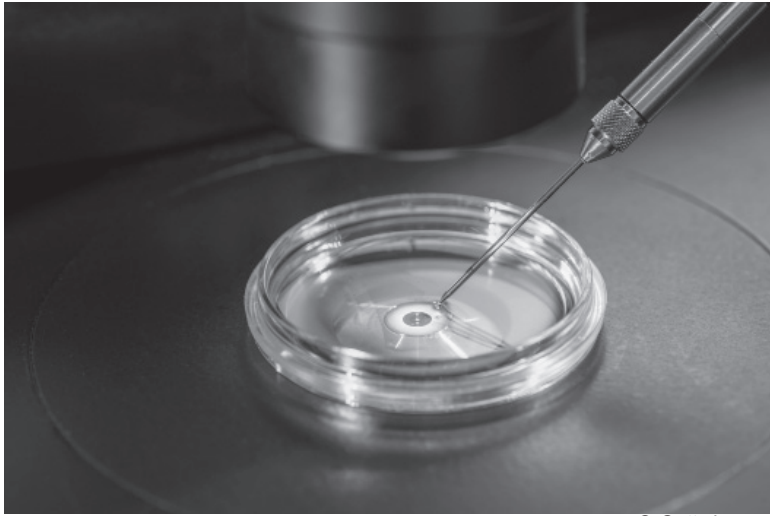
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### 3 Developments in Bioethics



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(a) Describe how IVF treatment can help a couple to have children.

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#### 4 Euthanasia

(a) Describe how a religious faith can help someone cope with serious illness.

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(b) Do you think doctors should be allowed to help patients to die?

Give reasons for your answer.

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(c) "Christians should always look for an alternative to euthanasia."

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## Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section.

### 5 Abortion

(a) Describe some of the decisions to be made when facing an unwanted pregnancy. [5]

(b) Explain why some Christians are against abortion. [5]

(c) “Northern Ireland should have the same abortion laws as the rest of the UK.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Christian teaching in your answer. [10]

### 6 Justice and Punishment

(a) Describe some of the different aims of punishment. [5]

(b) Explain what the Bible teaches about justice and punishment. [5]

(c) “The death penalty is the best way to punish serious crimes.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Christian teaching in your answer. [10]

### 7 War and Peace

(a) Describe some of the different types of pacifism. [5]

(b) Explain how the Just War theory sets guidelines for armed conflict. [5]

(c) “Wars always cause more problems than they solve.”

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Write your answers to Section B here.

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