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Foundations of Ethics with
Special Reference to
Issues in Medical Ethics



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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.

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Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) With particular reference to the Decalogue, explain how it is characteristic of a biblical approach to ethics. [25]
- (b) Evaluate the view that euthanasia goes against the Christian teaching on killing. Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) In what ways do developments such as pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) present difficulties for the Christian ethicist? [25]
- (b) “The slippery slope argument in ethical debate is a scare tactic used to hinder moral progress.”
- Assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]



Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) “Utilitarianism is a democratic and practical approach to moral decision making.”

Explain this statement. [25]

- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess the extent to which utilitarianism has become the “ethics of the planet”. Justify your answer.

[25]

- 4 (a) Examine why the moral status and rights of the unborn are important in the abortion debate.

[25]

- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the issues facing the state in relation to abortion. Justify your answer.

[25]



Section A

Answer **either** question 1 (pages 4 to 11) **or** question 2 (pages 12 to 19).

- 1 (a) With particular reference to the Decalogue, explain how it is characteristic of a biblical approach to ethics. [25]



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2 (a) In what ways do developments such as pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) present difficulties for the Christian ethicist?

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Section B

Answer **either** question 3 (pages 20 to 27) **or** question 4 (pages 28 to 35).

- 3 (a)** "Utilitarianism is a democratic and practical approach to moral decision making."

Explain this statement. [25]





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(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess the extent to which utilitarianism has become the “ethics of the planet”. Justify your answer.

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4 (a) Examine why the moral status and rights of the unborn are important in the abortion debate.

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(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the issues facing the state in relation to abortion. Justify your answer. [25]





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