



**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Religious Ethics 1

2762

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR Supplied Materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet

Other Materials Required:

None

**Thursday 15 January 2009
Afternoon**

Duration: 1 hour



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions, one from each part.
- Do **not** answer two questions from the same part.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten them to the Answer Booklet.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- The quality of your written communication will be taken into account.
- This document consists of **2** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **two** questions, **one** from Part 1 and **one** from Part 2.

Part 1

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 1 (a) Explain the main strengths and weaknesses of Mill's version of Utilitarianism. [33]
- (b) 'Utilitarianism is the best approach to embryo research.' Discuss. [17]

- 2 (a) Explain the differences between the ethics of the religion you have studied and Utilitarianism. [33]
- (b) 'Utilitarianism makes more sense than religious ethics when solving moral problems.' Discuss. [17]

- 3 (a) Explain one example of an absolutist theory of ethics. [33]
- (b) How far can moral absolutism be justified? [17]

Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 4 (a) Explain how Kant's concept of universalisability might be applied to abortion. [33]
- (b) 'Kant's ethical theory has no serious weaknesses.' Discuss. [17]

- 5 (a) Explain how the principles of Natural Law support the Sanctity of Life. [33]
- (b) 'Human life does not need to be preserved in all circumstances.' Discuss. [17]

- 6 (a) Explain, with examples, how moral relativism could help in making decisions about genetic engineering. [33]
- (b) 'Moral relativism leads to wrong decisions concerning genetic engineering.' Discuss. [17]