Friday 27 May 2016 – Morning

AS GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

G572/01 Religious Ethics

QUESTION PAPER

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:
• 12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12) (sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:
None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

• Complete the boxes on the Answer Booklet with your name, centre number and candidate number.
• Use black ink.
• Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
• Answer TWO questions.
• Write the number of each question in the margin.
• 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 70.
• This document consists of 2 pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

INSTRUCTION TO EXAMS OFFICER/INVIGILATOR

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Answer two questions.

1. (a) Explain why a follower of the religion you have studied might object to abortion. [25]
   
   (b) ‘Only religious people believe in the principle of the Sanctity of Life.’ Discuss. [10]

2. (a) Explain how the Preference Utilitarianism of Singer might be applied to ethical decisions. [25]
   
   (b) ‘Mill’s Utilitarianism is a much better guide to making ethical decisions than Singer’s version.’ Discuss. [10]

3. (a) Explain how Kantian ethics might be applied to war and peace. [25]
   
   (b) ‘Kant’s ethical theory has serious weaknesses.’ Discuss. [10]

4. (a) Explain the main features of Aquinas’ Natural Law theory. [25]
   
   (b) Assess the view that the idea of purpose is the most important aspect of Natural Law. [10]

END OF QUESTION PAPER