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Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

Monday 19 June 2023

Afternoon (Time: 2 hours)

Paper reference **9RS0/02**

Religious Studies

Advanced

PAPER 2: Religion and Ethics

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1 Explore the contribution of **one** leading figure in the fight for equality.

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(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)



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2 Assess the role of Deontology in moral decision making.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS



SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

When we talk about ethics, we mostly mean a series of rules and laws and principles by which we act and which tell us what to do. Mostly we take it that ethics classifies words and actions into things which are good and things which are bad, and we take it that the goodness and the badness belong to the thing as such. On the whole this is meant to simplify things and to make life easy. It means that we have got, so we think, a series of prefabricated rules and laws and principles, which we accept and apply. It saves us from the difficult and the often dangerous task of making our own judgments and deciding things for ourselves. But ... Fletcher's basic principle is that there is nothing which is universally right or universally wrong; there is nothing which is intrinsically good or intrinsically bad. Goodness and badness ... are only things which happen to actions in different situations; they are only descriptions of things in different circumstances; they are not properties, they are predicates.

(Source: adapted from *Ethics in a Permissive Society*, by William Barclay, Collins, 1971, Chapter 4, Situation Ethics, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3** (a) Clarify the ideas illustrated in this passage about ideas of good and bad.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the view that Situation Ethics fails to offer a convincing morality.

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(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS



SECTION C

Write your answer in the space provided.

- 4** Evaluate the importance of the concept of the sanctity of life in medical ethics.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Religion and Ethics have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- New Testament Studies
- Study of a Religion.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS
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