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Section B

Moral and Ethical Issues

B2 Matters of Life

- (a) Describe how religious beliefs and teachings might influence a childless couple, when deciding what kind of treatment they will seek to help them conceive. (7 marks)
- (b) What is cloning? What is the attitude of the two religious traditions that you have studied to cloning? (8 marks)
- (c) “We shouldn’t mess with nature.” How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. (5 marks)

B3 Matters of Death

- (a) Explain the following terms:
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| Extended family | Step-families |
| Nuclear family | Single-parent family |
- (4 marks)
- (b) What is meant by the term palliative care? (2 marks)
- (c) How might religious people respond to the viewpoint of a sick person who says, “I’m dying anyway! Why can’t I die now?” (10 marks)
- (d) “It is the duty of parents to look after their young children, it is also the duty of children to look after their elderly parents.” How far do you agree? Give reasons

for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view.
(4 marks)

B4 Drugs

- (a) Why are hard drugs so dangerous?
(4 marks)
- (b) The New Testament says, “Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.”
How does this affect the Christian view of drug abuse?
(5 marks)
- (c) Explain five reasons why some people take illegal drugs.
- (d) “Cannabis and alcohol are both soft drugs. The Government should either legalize cannabis or make alcohol illegal.” Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Use religious arguments in your answer.
(5 marks)

B5 Media and Technology

- (a) (i) What is meant by the word “media”?
(ii) Explain what is meant by censorship?
(5 marks)
- (b) (i) How has the development of the media helped religions spread their message?
(ii) Explain why some religious believers dislike the religious programmes available on television?
(iii) How do television programmes go against the five precepts?
(10 marks)
- (c) “There’s no point in having television. Television is immoral, and degrades people who watch it.” Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Use religious arguments in your answer.

(5 marks)

B6 Crime and Punishment

(a) Explain the main aims of punishment.

(5 marks)

(b) Capital punishment is still used in many countries. Explain how the beliefs and teachings of two religions might affect the attitude of believers towards capital punishment.

(10 marks)

(c) “Young offenders should be given a real shock and be punished severely. That’ll teach them not to break the law.” How far do you agree with this view? Give reasons to support your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Use religious arguments in your answer.

(5 marks)