6.5 Abortion: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 This question checks key vocabulary used in the abortion debate.

(a) State what is meant by abortion. **(1)**

(b) State what is meant by the sanctity of life. **(1)**

(c) State what is meant by quality of life. **(1)**

(d) State what is meant by a foetus. **(1)**

(e) State what is meant by viability, in the context of abortion. **(1)**

(Total for Question 1 is 5 marks)

2 Give three facts about the law on abortion in England, Scotland and Wales.

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

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3 Explain two religious teachings that might lead a believer to hold a pro-life view on abortion. Refer to a source of wisdom and authority in your answer.

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

(a) the deliberate ending of a pregnancy before the foetus can survive independently, oe **B1**

(a) Answer: The deliberate ending of a pregnancy.

(b) the belief that human life is sacred/holy because it is created by God, oe **B1**

(b) Answer: The belief that human life is sacred because it is created by God.

(c) a judgement about how enjoyable or worthwhile a person's life is/would be, oe **B1**

(c) Answer: A judgement about how enjoyable or worthwhile a life is.

(d) an unborn baby, from about eight weeks after conception until birth, oe **B1**

(d) Answer: An unborn baby, from about eight weeks after conception until birth.

(e) the point at which a foetus is able to survive outside the womb, oe **B1**

(e) Answer: The point at which a foetus can survive outside the womb.

Question 2

abortion is governed by the Abortion Act 1967 (as amended), oe **B1**

abortion is legal up to 24 weeks of pregnancy in most circumstances, oe **B1**

two doctors must agree that an abortion is necessary, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: governed by the Abortion Act 1967 (as amended); legal up to 24 weeks in most circumstances; two doctors must agree it is necessary.

Question 3

point 1: many Christians believe human life is sacred because it is made in God's image, oe **B1**

development: Genesis 1:27 teaches that God created humans in his own image, and Psalm 139:13 describes God forming a person in the womb, suggesting life has value from before birth, oe **B1**

point 2: many Muslims believe human life should not be taken except in circumstances Islamic teaching permits, oe **B1**

development: most Muslim scholars teach that once ensoulment has taken place, traditionally understood to occur around 120 days into pregnancy, the foetus has the moral status of a human being, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. sanctity of life through creation in God's image (Genesis 1:27, Psalm 139:13); ensoulment-based Muslim teaching on the moral status of the foetus.

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