6.7 Euthanasia: 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 euthanasia debate.

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

(b) State what is meant by voluntary euthanasia. **(1)**

(c) State what is meant by assisted dying (assisted suicide). **(1)**

(d) State what is meant by palliative care. **(1)**

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

(Total for Question 1 is 5 marks)

2 Give three facts about the law on euthanasia and assisted suicide 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 oppose euthanasia. 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) deliberately ending a person's life to relieve their suffering, oe **B1**

(a) Answer: Deliberately ending a person's life to relieve their suffering.

(b) euthanasia carried out at the request of the person whose life is ended, oe **B1**

(b) Answer: Euthanasia carried out at the request of the person whose life is ended.

(c) helping another person to end their own life, at their request, oe **B1**

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(d) specialist care that aims to relieve pain and other symptoms for people with a serious or terminal illness, oe **B1**

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

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Question 2

euthanasia (deliberately ending another person's life) is illegal, and would be treated in law as murder or manslaughter, oe **B1**

encouraging or assisting another person's suicide is a criminal offence (in England and Wales under the Suicide Act 1961 as amended; in Scotland it is prosecuted under homicide law), oe **B1**

some terminally ill people who wish to end their own life travel to a country where assisted dying is lawfully permitted, since it is not lawful in England, Scotland or Wales, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: euthanasia is illegal and treated as murder/manslaughter; assisting a suicide is a criminal offence (in England and Wales under the Suicide Act 1961 as amended; in Scotland it is prosecuted under homicide law); some travel abroad to a country where it is legal.

Question 3

point 1: many Christians believe only God has the authority to give and take away life, so deliberately ending a life is not a human decision to make, oe **B1**

development: Deuteronomy 32:39 has God say, 'I put to death and I bring to life', showing that authority over life and death is understood as belonging to God, oe **B1**

point 2: many Muslims believe human life is a trust (amanah) from Allah, which should not be deliberately ended before its appointed time, oe **B1**

development: the Qur'an teaches, 'do not take life, which Allah has made sacred, except in the course of justice' (Qur'an 17:33), oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. God alone has authority over life and death (Deuteronomy 32:39); life is a sacred trust not to be deliberately ended (Qur'an 17:33).

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