6.10 Catholic and Protestant Christian Attitudes to Abortion: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Identify one Christian teaching quoted in the Bible that opponents of abortion often cite, naming the book and chapter: context is Christian attitudes to abortion.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 State how the Catholic Church describes the moral status of human life, in the context of abortion.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Name the 1968 papal encyclical used by Catholics to support teaching on sexual ethics and life, relevant to abortion debates.

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

4 Give three ways Christian churches might try to reduce demand for abortion in society, context: practical and educational measures.

(Total for Question 4 is 3 marks)

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5 Give two reasons Protestant Christians who allow abortion in limited circumstances might accept it, naming the context of their allowance.

(Total for Question 5 is 2 marks)

6 Give two reasons why a Protestant who follows situation ethics might support abortion in the case of severe foetal abnormality, context: applying Joseph Fletcher's approach.

(Total for Question 6 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

a correct Bible reference that opponents cite, for example 'Exodus 20:13', oe **B1**

Answer: Exodus 20:13.

Question 2

a concise statement: life is sacred from conception and has absolute value, oe **B1**

Answer: Life is sacred from conception and has absolute value.

Question 3

correct name: Humanae Vitae, oe **B1**

Answer: Humanae Vitae.

Question 4

one way: provide sex education and contraception advice to prevent unplanned pregnancies, oe **B1**

one way: offer pregnancy support services and helplines, oe **B1**

one way: run campaigns promoting adoption and foster care as alternatives, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: sex education/contraception advice; pregnancy support services; campaigns promoting adoption/fostering.

Question 5

one reason, for example: allowed in cases of rape, as this may be seen as the most loving option for the woman, oe **B1**

second reason, for example: allowed if the foetus has a severe abnormality, to prevent suffering, oe **B1**

Answer: Any two such as: permitted in rape cases; permitted for serious foetal abnormality; permitted if the mother's life is at risk.

Question 6

one reason: it could be the most loving action to prevent future suffering for the child and family, oe **B1**

second reason: situation ethics places the persons and consequences first rather than absolute rules, allowing a loving choice in this case, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. prevents suffering for child and family; situation ethics prioritises the most loving result over fixed rules.

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