### Exam Questions

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<td>(b) Explain why some Christians might be against fertility treatment(7)</td>
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<td>(c) ‘It is up to God to decide if a woman is going to have a baby.’</td>
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Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion and show you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.

(a) Describe Christian attitudes towards euthanasia  
(b) Explain why some Christians might think it is wrong to test on animals?  
(c) ‘It is never right to take a life even if it is your own.’  
Do you agree? Etc  

### KEY QUESTIONS

When does life begin and end?  
Who has the right to choose when life begin and ends?  
To what extent (if any) should the care/needs of humans over rule those of animals?

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| **‘Sanctity of life’** Life is precious and given by God. Holy/sacred  
**Ensemblment** the moment the soul unites with the body. Catholics teaching says that this happens at the moment of conception.  
**Quality of life** How good/bad people feel in themselves  
**Euthanasia** Ending a person’s life deliberately for compassionate reasons  
**Hospice** A place for the care of the terminally ill.  
**Fertility treatment** A way of helping couples who cannot have children.  
**IVF** (in vitro fertilisation) Fertilising a woman’s egg with a man’s sperm in a test tube. Spare embryos are produced and frozen.  
**Conscience** inner sense of right and wrong. Moral guide  
**Compassion** Care for/ support another whether or not you agree with them  
**Conception** The sperm and the egg join together and grow to form an embryo.  
**Dominion** Rule over  
**Stewardship** God made the world and everything in it we should be good stewards (caretakers) of the world  
**Vivisection** Surgical or other experimentation carried out on animals  
**Less of two evils** Not good in itself but better than the alternative  
**Slippery slope argument** If you allow one good case once and this then becomes the norm other less good or even bad cases may start to be accepted.  
**Double Effect** although we intend one thing there might be a side effect. For example in order to relieve a terminally ill patient’s pain there might be necessary to give them a high dose of pain killers that the side effect is to kill the patient.  
**Biblical**  
‘You should not murder’ Exodus 29:13  
‘If we live we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.’ Romans 14:8  
‘Do you not know your body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not on your own’ 1Corin. 6:19  
‘Man was made in the image of God, so whoever murders a man will be killed by his fellow man. Genesis 9:6  
Jesus said ‘I have come that you might have life-life in all its fullness. John 10:10  
God is sovereign over all life Genesis 4 :15  
Life is a gift from God Genesis 4:15  
**The Churches**  
**Roman Catholic view. Pope Paul VI**  
Abortion has been considered to be murder since the first centuries of the church, and nothing permits it to be otherwise’  
L. Kalland a Protestant thinker (remember Protestant views cover the whole range)  
‘While the scriptures establish the sanctity of life, the stress of scripture is on the quality of life’  
Quaker (Protestant group) guidance on euthanasia.  
Instead of rules, we offer a process for working out the decision that is right for each person in his or her circumstances. |