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TITLE OF PAPER : Religious Ethics
COURSE CODE : TRS 205
DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
3. Each Question carries 20 marks.

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Question 1

Drawing examples from any religion of your choice to illustrate your points, explore the differences between philosophical and religious ethics [20]

Question 2

Discuss Christian Ethics as a type of religious ethics, showing both its strong and weak points [20]

Question 3

What role do ethical frameworks play in ethical decision-making? Use any ethical theory you know to illustrate what you mean [20]

Question 4

Which one of the various existing religious positions on abortion do you find more plausible than others. Explain your answer [20]

Question 5

Ethical dilemmas, also known as moral dilemmas, are situations in which there is a choice to be made between two options, neither of which can be carried out without resulting in another ethical problem. Elaborate on what you would ethically decide to do in the following dilemma: [20]

A train with broken brakes is speeding towards a cliff. On the left, there is a woman crossing with her two children; on the right, there is a man doing routine maintenance on the tracks. The engineer must decide which side to aim the speeding train towards (<https://www.storyboardthat.com/articles/e/dilemma>).

Question 6

Pregnant women are always bound to test for HIV/AIDS. Discuss in detail how the principles of beneficence and autonomy can be in conflict in the process of mother to child transmission [20]