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

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose and 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

Is ethical decision-making easier to make in philosophical ethics or in religious ethics? Explain your answer [20]

Question 2

Choose one ethical teaching by one religion of your choice and give strong ethical grounds on which such teaching can be supported and/ or not supported [20]

Question 3

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

Question 4

Give a critical ethical assessment of what any one religion of your choice teaches on sexual orientation. [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 pregnant woman leading a group of people out of a cave on a coast is stuck in the mouth of that cave. In a short time high tide will be upon them, and unless she is unstuck, they will all be drowned except the woman, whose head is out of the cave. Fortunately, (or unfortunately,) someone has with him a stick of dynamite. There seems no way to get the pregnant woman loose without using the dynamite which will inevitably kill her; but if they do not use it everyone will drown.

Question 6

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