

# Candidate 1 evidence

Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies National 5 Resource Sheet	
Candidate Name	Scottish Candidate Number
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abortion - controversial topic leads to debate in areas ethics, law, religion, and medicine.</li><li>• personal freedom and the ability to control reproductive choices without outside interference.</li><li>• having safe and legal access to abortion is crucial for gender equality, allowing women to pursue education and careers without the burden of an unexpected pregnancy.</li><li>• Humanists -a woman's right to choose what to do, utilitarian's believe the decision should be up to the mother. life is sacred and that a fetus has the right to live from the moment of conception.</li><li>• Religious or philosophical -the fetus as a potential human being with moral value.</li><li>• Ethical arguments -the sanctity of human life and the human rights principle.</li><li>• Muslims -abortion is not morally acceptable any stage of pregnancy, -"And do not kill the soul which God has forbidden except for the requirements of justice" [Glorious Qur'an, Al-An'am 8: 151]. Traditional Buddhism -because it involves the deliberate destruction of a life.</li><li>• Roman Catholics -life begins at conception, making abortion morally wrong, most Protestant churches in Britain share this view.</li></ul>	

# Is Abortion Morally Acceptable?

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Abortion is a complex and controversial topic that has led to ~~the~~ <sup>debate</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~many~~ <sup>in</sup> areas like religion, ethics, law and medicine. There are two sides of argument on this issue that argue whether abortion is morally acceptable.

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Supporters of abortion often argue that a woman should be able to choose what she does with her body and have the choice whether to continue or end a pregnancy. They also believe that women should have personal freedom and the ability to control <sup>their</sup> reproductive choices without outside interference. Having safe and legal access to abortion is crucial for gender equality, allowing women to pursue education and careers without the burden of an unexpected pregnancy. Humanists believe a woman's right to choose what to do with their bodies. Utilitarians believe the decision should be up to the mother.

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On the other hand, some people believe life is sacred and that a fetus has the right to live from the moment of conception and they ~~also~~ see the fetus as a potential human being with moral rights. However ~~that~~ only at nine weeks does the embryo turn into a fetus. Some ethical arguments that support the idea of pro-life are the scarcity of human life and the human rights principle. Muslims believe that abortion is not morally acceptable at any stage of pregnancy ~~because~~ of ~~the~~ <sup>quote</sup> - "And do not kill the soul which God has forbidden except for the requirements of justice." [Glorious Qur'an, Al-An'am 8:15]. Traditional Buddhism

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37 believe abortions are not morally acceptable at any stage because it involves the deliberate destruction of a life. Roman Catholics believe life begins at conception, making abortion morally wrong. Most Protestant churches in Britain share this view.

38 In conclusion, the question "if Abortion is morally acceptable?" is complex and hard to answer. Some think it's wrong because of their views on ethics and human rights. Whereas others value the person who is pregnant's rights more. I believe that it is up to the woman to choose what they do with their bodies. I also think it's wrong to force someone to unwillingly put their bodies through pregnancy. The woman can decide what's best for their own specific circumstances.

- 2 \* Studies have shown Abortion can have a negative impact on the woman who had the abortion such as depression psychosis and long lasting regret.
- \* Which are religious and philosophical beliefs.
- 56 \* The effect on other people involved