

MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BOARD

SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE LEVEL 2023 MAIN SESSION

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- a. Diane Pretty wanted to choose the time and manner to end her life. Explain and determine the ethical issue in Diane's case. Answer in about 40 words. (5)
- b. When debating over end-of-life issues, we find people who believe in the sanctity of life principle. Define 'sanctity of life' and its influence on the believer's view on the right to life. Answer in about 40 words. (5)
- c. Patients like Diane Pretty often argue that the quality of life is preferred to the sanctity of life. Explain the arguments in favour of quality of life in about 40 words. (5)
- d. Should the state or the individual person have authority over their end of life decision? Answer in about 40 words. (5)

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- a. Aristotle argued that eudaimonia, which is long term happiness and an overall sense of well-being, does not exclude pain and suffering. Discuss in 40 words. (5)
- b. Another understanding of happiness is based on pleasure in life. Discuss in 40 words. (5)
- c. After some reflection, Heather made a conscious decision to remain in Phoenix. Explain in about 40 words. (5)
- d. Do you think that people who base their decisions and behaviours on attaining the maximum amount of pleasure have the right attitude? Can such attitude lead to harmful practices? Answer in about 40 words. (5)

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SECTION B

Answer any TWO of the following four questions by writing an essay of about 250 words on each question. Each question carries 30 marks.

- 3. The use of social media platforms by young people may lead to cyberbullying. Discuss.
- 4. How do the different communities that we belong to enrich our lives? Answer the question by referring to **TWO** communities that you belong to.
- 5. A democratic community cannot function well without tolerance. Discuss.
- 6. Do you think that capital punishment can be justified in some cases? Support your answer with **ONE** example.



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Jekk joghġbok agleb wara

- a. Diane Pretty riedet tagħżel iż-żmien u l-mod kif ser ittemm ħajjitha. Spjega u ddetermina l-kwistjoni etika fil-każ ta' Diane. Wieġeb f'madwar 40 kelma. (5)
- b. Meta niddibattu dwar kwistjonijiet fuq it-terminazzjoni tal-ħajja, insibu nies li jemmnu fil-principju tal-qdusija tal-ħajja (sanctity of life). Iddefinixxi l-kuncett 'il-qdusija tal-ħajja' u l-influwenza tiegħu fuq il-fehma ta' min jemmen dwar id-dritt għall-ħajja. Wieġeb f'madwar 40 kelma.
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- d. Min għandu jkollu awtorita' fuq deċizzjonijiet dwar it-tmiem tal-ħajja? L-istat jew il-persuna individwali? Wieġeb f'madwar 40 kelma. (5)

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TAQSIMA B

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- 4. Kif iżewqulna ħajjitna l-komunitajiet differenti li nagħmlu parti minnhom? Wieġeb il-mistogsija billi tirreferi għal **ŻEWĠ** komunitajiet li inti tagħmel parti minnhom.
- 5. Komunità demokratika ma tistax taħdem sew mingħajr tolleranza. Iddiskuti.
- 6. Taħseb li l-piena kapitali tista' tkun iġġustifikata f'xi każijiet? Sostni t-tweġiba tiegħek b'eżempju **WIEĦED**.



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- b. What does 'sanctity of life' mean? What is the view of the people who believe in the principle of the right to life? (5)
- c. Who should decide on the case of Diane Pretty? The House of Lords or Diane herself? Answer in about 40 words. (5)
- d. Define the term 'quality of life'. Why do patients like Diane Pretty prefer the 'quality of life' view to the 'sanctity of life' principle? Explain in about 40 words. (5)

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Explain the difference between happiness and pleasure. Answer in about 40 words. (5)a. After some reflection, Heather made a conscious decision to remain in Phoenix. Did she base her satisfaction on pleasure or happiness? Explain in about 40 words. (5) c. There are people who base their decisions and behaviours on the desire to experience the maximum of pleasure. Do you think that this is the right attitude? Is all pleasure good? Are there any harmful pleasures? Answer in about 40 words. (5) d. Can one be happy even if she or he is living in pain or suffering? Discuss in 40 words. (5) (Total: 20 marks) **SECTION B** Answer any TWO of the following four questions. Each question carries 30 marks. 3. a. Define cyberbullying. (5) b. How is cyberbullying different from physical bullying? (5)c. Describe some of the harms caused by cyberbullying. (10)d. Do you think that the use of social media by young people may increase their exposure to cyberbullying? (10)(Total: 30 marks) 4. a. What are the characteristics of a community? (4)b. How do communities help us to lead better lives? (6) c. Describe how a community that you belong to helps you live a better life. (10)d. Define closed communities. (4)e. Describe **TWO** disadvantages of closed communities. (6)(Total: 30 marks) 5. a. Why is it important to tolerate people who have different opinions and beliefs? (5)b. Why is tolerance an important aspect of democracy? (10)c. Should tolerance have any limits? Discuss with examples. (15)(Total: 30 marks) 6. a. Define capital punishment. (5)b. Mention ONE state in which capital punishment is legal and mention ONE crime which is punishable by death penalty in this mentioned state. (5)c. Do you agree with capital punishment? Why? (20)(Total: 30 marks)



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