

## Candidate 5 evidence

### Section 2 - Part B

2(a) Abortion is the purposeful termination of a pregnancy. Done surgically or medically, in the UK since 1967, abortion has been legal under specific conditions ~~from~~ up to 24 weeks gestation. The conditions of an abortion in the UK are: if there is any threat to the mother's life e.g. ectopic pregnancy, threat to the life of any existing children of the mother e.g. neglect, financial strain etc. or if the foetus is found to ~~have~~ have a serious physical or mental disability that may impact its quality of life e.g. Down's Syndrome or a congenital heart defect. However, abortion is not legal across the world with many countries strictly controlling abortions or

Outlawing it completely which in 2023, resulted in 13 thousand deaths on women who had to seek an illegal abortion.

b) Judith Juss Thomson famously wrote a ~~paper~~ paper on her belief that abortion should be a fundamental right for all people able to carry a pregnancy. She expresses this belief by using the violinist analogy which portrays a ~~kidnapped~~ person being kidnapped in order to be used as a cure for a famous violinist with a kidney disease. She describes that the kidnapped person is under no obligation to keep the violinist alone, and that it should be the kidnapped person's choice to do so. Thomson's belief in <sup>legal</sup> abortion is ~~further supported by the~~

c) Overall, I wholly agree with JST as I too believe that the only person who can have any say in a person's choice in seeing/carrying out an abortion is that person themselves as the will truly know their own wishes, the consequences and reasons for their action. Furthermore, JST's analogy of the violinist only further proves her point as if someone is forced into a pregnancy or if the pregnancy was not planned etc, they are not obliged by any means to carry through with it as no one else will be as affected by it than the pregnant person and so ultimately the only one who can make the final decision is them.