

## Candidate 8 evidence

Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies National 5 Resource Sheet		
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<p>① <del>At</del> A definition, - views, - advantages → women - why issue  <del>conflicting</del> - why important modern people * God's plan          judgement + intolerance → women → needs stop</p>		
<p>② sanctity of life → unacceptable majority of circumstances.          • "life is holy, pure and inviolable and we must respect it as we respect God"          - a christian          • "playing God" → analyse          • Genesis 1:26-27 - "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image in our likeness! God created man in his own image' ← analyse          • document "you shall not kill by abortion the fruit of the womb" life precious gift          • Abortion → murder, life → conception "for you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb," Psalm 139:13          • Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart."          • sin → Exodus 20:30 "you shall not murder." "life is not ours to take"</p>		
<p>③ strictly against every circumstance          • CCC 2270 "From the first moment of his (her) existence, a human being must be recognised as having the rights of a person - which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life."          • 1995 Pope - church's opinion → on abortion → "unchanged + unchangeable... since it's the deliberate killing of a human being"          • Didache 2:1-2 → "you shall not murder" "you shall not procure abortion; not destroy a newborn child" = life → sacred + inviolable</p>		
<p>④ "value happiness + personal choice" • "there's not one correct view on abortion"          • <del>if</del> • foetus doesn't become a person with own rights + feelings until well after conception.</p>		
<p>⑤ pro-choice - consider consequences. ⑥ Abortion act 1967 UK 24th week - 2 docs          • 39% → society → no legal abortion          • 47,000 women die - risky d. • UK 76% adv pro-choice • 58% 2017 US legal ab.</p>		
<p>⑦ similarities etc - sm criticise religious H + U compare</p>		

"Abortion is no better than murder" How valid is this statement?

Abortion is the medical termination of a pregnancy so that the baby doesn't end up being born. It is a ubiquitous and conflicting topic because there are a lot of conflicting views on it. Some believe that abortion is wrong and unacceptable and that you shouldn't be able to take an innocent person's life away. Others believe that abortion is solely the woman's choice and that they should be able to ~~make a choice~~ <sup>decide</sup> what happens to their own body. There is also a constant conflict between people who believe that women should not have the freedom to abort, and pro-choice people who believe that women should have the right to choose whatever is best for them and their baby. Abortion has many advantages such as allowing women to ~~have~~ have freedom over their own body and to be in control of their own life. It gives women a solution to unwanted pregnancies or ~~to~~ to pregnancies which put the mother's life at risk. They can also help women who get pregnant accidentally and aren't economically stable enough or ~~are~~ are too young to have the baby. It brings a sense of control and relief to women who ~~believe~~ believe that ~~for~~ neither her or her baby will have a good quality life after the birth. Abortion is important to modern day people because women should have the option to choose what happens to their own body and lifestyle. They should be able to have enough freedom to decide what is best for them. Currently, some women are undergoing huge amounts of judgement for aborting a child. Women around the world are being devalued and shamed for having a say on what happens to them. ~~this type of intolerance~~ this type of intolerance

needs to stop.

Christians believe that abortion is unacceptable under most circumstances because they believe ~~that~~ that life is sacred and that only God should have the power to choose when someone ~~is~~ will die. ~~A~~ A Christian states that "life is holy, pure and inviolable, and we must respect it as we respect God". This shows that ~~the~~ ~~majority~~ Christians believe that having an abortion is "playing God" and that by assuming that you have such authority, then you are ~~is~~ disrespecting God and minimising the importance of God's plan. In Genesis 1:26-27 it is suggested that God created humans ~~as~~ as a reflection of himself "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in our likeness...' God created man in his own image". This emphasises how precious ~~life~~ life is and shows us that every life is a crucial part of God's Plan ~~is~~, so we must not ~~touch~~ tamper with it. Christians believe that abortion is murder because life starts as soon as conception happens. An early Christian document states that "you shall not kill by abortion the fruit of the womb". This also suggests that life is a precious gift given to us by God. To back up their strong belief that abortion is murder ~~so~~ because life starts at conception, Psalm 139:13 states ~~the~~ the following - "For you created my inmost being you knit me together in my mother's womb". This shows that as soon as conception starts, a valuable and crucial life begins to form, therefore we shall not end it. Jeremiah 1:5 states that "Before I formed you \*I knew you, before you were ~~born~~ I set you apart" This shows

\*in the womb

that God knows everything that will happen, which and knows everyone that will ever be born, ~~which~~ emphasises the importance of our existence. Christians think that abortion is a sin, as you are terminating an innocent life Exodus 20:30 proves this ~~through~~. "You shall not murder" ~~shows~~ shows that murder is unacceptable and it could potentially be ~~be~~ disregarding God's authority. The quote "life is not ours to take" reinforces their beliefs that only God can decide what happens to us.

The Roman Catholic Church is strictly against abortion under any circumstance. They believe that abortion is taking away a life that was planned by God and that therefore it is a sin and is unacceptable. CCC 2270 states that ~~is~~ a foetus is just as important as a grown person and that no one should have the right to kill it: "From the first moment of his (her) existence, a human being must be recognised as having the rights of a person - which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life". In 1995, the Pope stated that the church's opinion on abortion "is unchanged and unchangeable ... since it is the deliberate killing of a human being." This shows how important every life is to them, no matter how old or how young. The Didache 2:17 states that "you shall not murder" and "you shall not procure abortion, not destroy a newborn child." This shows that life is sacred and ~~is~~ inviolable and that you should not tamper with God's plan ~~by~~ by terminating a pregnancy because that is a sin.

Humanists value happiness and personal choice when thinking about moral conflicts. They use their judgement, personal experience and any evidence on the topic ~~to~~ to state their opinion. They also consider the person's feelings and the effect of the action. Humanists ~~value to~~ want to achieve the most happiness possible and always choose the solution to a conflict which causes the least damage. Most humanists are pro-choice because they believe that this will cause the most happiness. But a humanist states that "there's no one correct view on abortion". This shows that everyone has the freedom to think what they want as long as they don't interfere with people's lives. They believe that life doesn't start at conception and that ~~it's~~ the foetus isn't a real human until later in the pregnancy; they state that "a foetus doesn't become a person with its own rights and feelings until well after conception". This means that ~~it's~~ they ~~to~~ don't believe that abortion is murder, as you are not killing a human being.

Much like humanists, utilitarians also consider the consequences of an action before stating their opinion on it. They ~~to~~ also want to achieve the most happiness possible and will consider everyone's feelings before saying what they think. Most utilitarians are pro-choice because they believe that it is the side of the argument which causes the least damage. However, if the majority of people ~~were~~ were against abortion, a utilitarian would be too.

In 1967, in the UK, the ~~abortion~~ act was put in place by the government. It states that abortion is legal until the 24th week of the pregnancy, when it becomes illegal unless the mother's life is at risk or the child's life is threatened by a serious illness or disability. To carry out an abortion ~~in~~ in the UK, you need the permission of 2 doctors. ~~Women~~ But not all women have the freedom of abortion, 39% of society lives in countries with very strict rules on abortion or where abortion is completely illegal. ~~Because~~ Because they can't turn to a safe way of terminating the pregnancy, 47,000 women die annually because of risky backstreet abortions. In the UK 76% of adults are pro-choice and in the US as of 2017 55% of adults are for legal abortion.

Every viewpoint is different but some of them have links and similarities. For example, both Christians and Catholics are ~~op~~ against abortion because they believe life is sacred. They both live their lives according to God's teachings and find hope and purpose in their religion.

In conclusion I don't agree with the statement "Abortion is no better than murder" because I believe that every woman should have the right to choose ~~to~~ what happens to their own body and lifestyle. ~~As~~ as opposed to religion I don't believe that ~~conception~~ starts as soon as conception happens. I don't agree with religious views because if God was so <sup>the</sup> loving and forgiving he wouldn't <sup>want to</sup> oppress women ~~to~~ to the point where they don't even get to ~~to~~ have a say ~~about~~ on their own life, even if their health is at risk. I think humanist views make more sense because they consider consequences and the feelings of the person of an action before stating their opinion.