

SIXTH FORM SUMMER TRANSITION TASK

	<u>PHILOSOPHY</u>	
	Qualification Level	A-Level
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There are six features (three pairs) of ethical decision making. They are:

- Absolutist or Relativism
- Subjectivism or Objectivism
- Deontological or Teleological

1) What is the task?

You need to produce at least 2 sides of written A4 explaining the six features of ethical theories (three pairs), and then justify which one from each pair you think provides the best approach to ethical decision making

2) What do you need to do?

- Read about all six features and identify how the members of each pair relate one another. You will find information on the *Features of Ethical Theories* sheet. You can also do extra reading from the books and/or websites listed below
- Define each feature and explain what they contribute to ethical decision making
- You need to explain and justify which one from each pair is the best approach to ethical decision making
- Explain whether there are links between the three that you have chosen, i.e. are there some features that automatically go together?
- You then need to explain how each of your chosen approaches would guide the debate/decision making about three of the situations in applied ethics

3) Situations in applied ethics

- Whether a 16 year old girl should have an abortion
- Whether a robot with highly developed AI should be considered a person
- Should a person who has been diagnosed as having 6 months to live with a terminal disease be allowed a form of euthanasia
- Should the testing of medicines be allowed on animals
- Whether to bomb a terrorist leader who is hiding within a group of 200-500 innocent civilians
- Whether the NHS should pay for 1 cycle of IVF for a 45 year woman who has worked all her life, but has not managed to conceive. The chance of a successful birth for a woman aged 44 or over is 1.9%
- Pick an ethical situation of your own

4) What resources do you need to use?

- The attached sheets.
- These websites:
 - <http://www.rsrevision.com/Alevel/ethics/contents/>
 - <https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/religious-studies-level-revision/ethics>
 - <http://www.alevelphilosophy.co.uk/resources/free-handouts-library/handouts-library/ethics/>
 - <https://www.rep.routledge.com/>
 - <https://plato.stanford.edu/>
- Books such as The Puzzle of Ethics by Peter Vardy or Ethical Studies by Robert Bowie. However, remember to record the name and author and address of the book/resource.