FORM 2          ETHICS           TIME: 1hour           Specimen paper

Name: ___________________________ Class: __________

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1. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct word. (5 marks)

- harm
- beliefs
- tolerance
- consequences
- secular

1. Actions can have both positive and negative ______________.

2. Every kind of ______________, whether on human beings or animals, should be avoided.

3. The moral culture of many people is largely an expression of their ______________.

4. Many people in Europe choose to have no religious belief at all and to follow a ______________ morality.

5. ______________ implies a readiness to accept different people and cultures with different beliefs.

2. Every action has its consequences. These consequences can be either positive or negative. What can the consequences of the following actions be? The first one has been done for you.

a) fighting with your friends:
   You might lose your friends.
b) disrespecting a teacher: (1 mark)

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c) vandalising a playground: (1 mark)

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d) not doing your homework: (1 mark)

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e) disobeying your parents: (1 mark)

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f) throwing litter in the street: (1 mark)

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3. Read the following passage and answer the questions below.

It was 8pm on a dark October night, Brandon age 10, and Laura age 9, are walking back from the park. They are bored and have nothing to do and nowhere to go; it’s very windy and getting colder. On the way home Laura is hungry but has no money, Brandon says he will show her where to get her something. They go into the grocer; the young assistant is on her mobile phone chatting away and isn’t paying attention. Brandon watches her turn into the store room, so he seizes the opportunity to help himself to three bars of chocolate and a bottle of lemonade. Laura puts a bag of crisps in her coat pocket and they leave without paying before the assistant returns.

They run off down the street laughing and bump into Tom, their friend from school, and give him a bar of chocolate. Tom eats the chocolate and then asks them why they had been laughing, Laura explains what they’ve done and Tom feels guilty that he has eaten the stolen chocolate. Tom asked them why they did it, why they didn’t just go home to get something to eat as it was late. “I don’t know really”, said Laura. “It’s ok, the shop assistant didn’t even notice”, said Brandon, “it’s ok as long as you don’t get caught.” Tom went home; he barely spoke to his mum
as he went up the stairs to bed. He tossed and turned all night he was worried about what might happen, his mum could see he was upset but he wasn’t ready to tell. Brandon and Laura were his friends and he didn’t want to tell on them. But he was knew what they’d done was wrong.

The next day at school Tom avoided Brandon and Laura at break time. He wasn’t sure if he wanted to be friends with them anymore, and he was worried about the secret he was keeping for them. A few days later the school had a visit from the neighbourhood police officer. He visited once a month and if anyone wanted to talk to him about a problem then they could approach him. But this month the police officer had come to discuss something serious. He said that there had been a few occasions when children were shoplifting at the local grocer. The shop owner was losing a lot of money from the stolen items and asked for the help of the police. The police officer asked for any children who knew anything about the shoplifting to talk to him at the end of the assembly. Tom wanted to talk to him but noticed that Brandon & Laura were watching him.

1. Have Brandon and Laura done anything wrong? Why? (1 mark)
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2. Did they commit a crime? Why? (1 mark)
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3. Why did Brandon steal the chocolate and lemonade? (1 mark)
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4. Why did Laura steal the crisps? (1 mark)
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5. Did Tom commit a crime? (3 marks)
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6. Should Tom tell the police officer about what had happened? (2 marks)

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8. What are the consequences for the shop owner? (1 mark)

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4. Choose one of the three religions of the book (Christianity, Islam and Judaism) and answer the questions below.

Name of the Religion: ______________

In this religion…

i) Is there a sacred book which tells people what is right and wrong? What is it called? (1 mark)

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ii) Is there a special leader or teacher who tells people what is right and wrong? What is the leader or teacher called? (1 mark)

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iii) Where do humanists say our ideas of right and wrong come from? (1 mark)

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iv) What is the difference between the religion you have chosen and what humanists say about where we get our ideas of what is right and wrong? (3 marks)

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v) Why do you think that all religions/philosophies share the same idea about how to treat other people? (4 marks)

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5. Writing Task (10 marks)

Answer the following question in about 120 words.

Write about the different ways in which one can harm others? What are the consequences of harming others? Why is it morally wrong to inflict harm on others?