

Y13 Revision

RE – ETHICS

THEME 2 – NATURAL LAW



AO1

Four levels of law

Five primary precepts

Secondary precepts

Three revealed virtues

Four cardinal virtues

Internal acts / external acts

Real goods / Apparent goods

Application to abortion and Euthanasia

John Finnis' Natural law

Bernard Hoose

Application to Capital punishment / Immigration



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AO2

- The degree to which human law should be influenced by Aquinas' Natural Law.
- The extent to which the absolutist and/or deontological nature of Aquinas' Natural Law works in contemporary society.
- The strengths and weaknesses of Aquinas' Natural Law.
- A consideration of whether Aquinas' Natural Law promotes injustice.
- The effectiveness of Aquinas' Natural Law in dealing with ethical issues.
- The extent to which Aquinas' Natural Law is meaningless without a belief in a creator God.

- Whether Finnis' Natural Law is acceptable in contemporary society.
- The extent to which Hoose's Proportionalism promotes immoral behaviour.
- Whether Finnis and/or Hoose provide a basis for moral decision making for believers and/or non-believers.
- The strengths and weaknesses of Finnis' Natural Law and/or Hoose's Proportionalism.
- The effectiveness of Finnis' Natural Law and/or Hoose's Proportionalism in dealing with ethical issues.
- The extent to which Finnis' Natural Law is a better ethic than Hoose's Proportionalism or vice versa.