

1. Which of the following is the belief that there is an obligation to save a life, even if it means breaking Jewish law? [1 mark]
- A) Halakha      B) Chesed      C) Tikkun Olam      D) Pikuach Nefesh

2. Give two reasons why human life is sacred. [2 marks]

Given by God/ Humans are made in God's image

3. Explain two ways in which a belief in the sanctity of life influences Jews today. [4 marks]

They would treat all humans with respect/ they would disagree with euthanasia/ some Jews would not go to war/ so Jews would not support capital punishment

4. Explain two Jewish teachings about the sanctity of life. [5 marks]

Humans are made in "God's image" Genesis 1:27> this means that all human life is God-given and special. "Pikuach Nefesh" is a Jewish teaching that means "saving a life"> because human life is seen as sacred, it should be saved at all costs – even breaking the Mitzvot. "love your neighbour" Jews are told to be kind to their fellow humans because of the sanctity of life.

5. 'Jews should do absolutely anything they can to extend someone's life.' [12 marks]

Reasons to agree:

"Pikuach Nefesh" is a Jewish teaching that means "saving a life"> because human life is seen as sacred, it should be saved at all costs – even breaking the Mitzvot

"love your neighbour" – you should do all you can to help and support someone who is dying

Life is a gift from God and is sacred and precious and should be kept going as long as possible.

Most Jews agree with organ donation because of Pikuach Nefesh

Reasons to disagree:

God has a plan for everyone's life and so their natural death may be what he has planned for them

If saving someone's life involves harming others, it may not be the right course of action

Some medical technology involves the destruction of embryos which some Jews may disagree with