

1. Which of the following is part of the criteria for a legal abortion in the UK? [1 mark]

A) before 22 weeks B) before 24 weeks C) before 26 weeks D) before 28 weeks

2. Give two other criteria for a legal abortion in the UK. [2 marks]

Two doctors agree that: The woman's life is in danger/ there is risk to woman's physical or mental health/ the baby may be born with severe disabilities/ and additional child may affect the health of the others in the family

3. Explain two reasons why a woman may choose to abort a pregnancy. [4 marks]

Mother: too old/too young/ unable to support the child physically/ financially/ emotionally/ mother's health at risk/ baby's health at risk/ the pregnancy is the product of rape/ don't want the lifestyle change

4. Explain two reasons why many religious people disagree with abortion. [5 marks]

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5. 'The only reason an abortion should be allowed is if the mother's life is at risk.' [12 marks]

Some Christians agree:

This is a compassionate reason for an abortion> it shows love for the mother, her family and any other children she may have.

It is the lesser of two evils> an abortion may be wrong but continuing an action that kills a mother and someone's daughter is worse

God has allowed doctors to develop safe abortions that can save women's lives> this is a vast improvement in centuries of women and babies dying during birth where it can now be avoided

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Or: there are other reasons that are also acceptable, e.g. if the pregnancy came about through rape