

1.5 LEGAL, MORAL & ETHICAL · 1.5.2

Moral, ethical & cultural issues

The impact areas + how to write the discuss essay. Spec 1.5.2.

01 Issue areas (benefit / concern)

Workforce + productivity · – job losses, reskilling.

Auto decisions + fast, consistent · – bias, hard to challenge.

AI + powerful uses · – accountability, data bias.

Environment + efficiency · – energy, e-waste.

Censorship + protects · – suppresses info.

Monitoring + security · – erodes privacy.

Privacy + convenience · – consent & misuse.

Piracy/IP + wide access · – harms creators.

02 The three lenses

Moral Right/wrong for the **individual**.

Ethical **Professional** & societal standards.

Cultural Effect on **groups & society**.

Format essay. Nearly always a **9–12 mark "discuss"**

03 Essay structure (levels of response)

1 Intro What the issue is & why it matters.

2 For 2–3 **developed** points (reason + consequence), applied to the scenario.

3 Against The same, from the other side.

4 Conclusion Take a position & **justify** it.

Top level **Balance + justified conclusion.**

FINAL PASS BEFORE THE EXAM

Rapid exam tips

Six slips on ethics essays.

01

Always argue **both sides** — one-sided answers are **capped**.

02

Develop each point: a reason **and** a consequence.

03

Always reach a **justified conclusion**.

04

Apply points to the **specific scenario** in the question.

05

Keep a **benefit + concern** ready for each impact area.

06

1.5.2 = ethics/impact; naming an **Act** is 1.5.1 (but can support a point).