

Abortion and euthanasia?

How much do you know about...

Heavy topics, but what do you know about them? Do this quiz to find out! Answers on page 35.

Bible bit

Psalm 139;

Genesis 1:24-31

Psalm 139 is a celebration of life. The psalmist marvels at the way God knows everything about him – every detail of his life. He is amazed at the realisation that God was there at his conception, all through his mum's pregnancy and at his birth. He also recognises the fact that each day he lives is a gift from God; it's God who is in control of the number of days he lives on this earth and knows the day he will die. There's even the suggestion in verse 18 that the relationship goes beyond death in the phrase 'When I wake up, I am still with you'. In what ways do you see God being in control of your life? In what ways does society disregard this?

1 How many weeks does a normal pregnancy last?

- a) 36 weeks
- b) 40 weeks
- c) 42 weeks

2 The Abortion Act made abortion legal for the first time in England and Wales. What year did this become law?

- a) 1953
- b) 1960
- c) 1967

3 How many women in England and Wales had abortions in 2007?

- a) 147,000
- b) 186,000
- c) 198,000

4 How many of those abortions were done to save the life of the mother?

- a) less than 1%
- b) 5%
- c) 10%

5 What percentage of women having abortions in 2007 were teenagers?

- a) 15%
- b) 22%
- c) 27%

6 At what stage of pregnancy can babies survive if they are born early?

- a) 22 weeks
- b) 26 weeks
- c) 36 weeks

7 What's the definition of euthanasia?

- a) the act or practice of putting someone painlessly to death
- b) the intentional killing of a patient as part of his or her medical treatment
- c) the bringing about of a gentle and easy death

8 Euthanasia is illegal in the UK. True or false?

- True
- False

9 In a survey, what percentage of adults said that people who are terminally ill should be allowed to choose when they die?

- a) 25%
- b) 53%
- c) 85%

10 Euthanasia used to be legal in Holland. In 2001, there were 4,664 deaths, some of which were actually not voluntary (in other words, the person who died did not choose to die, their relatives chose for them). How many?

- a) 47
- b) 214
- c) 938