# What does the **RGS standard** look like in RE?

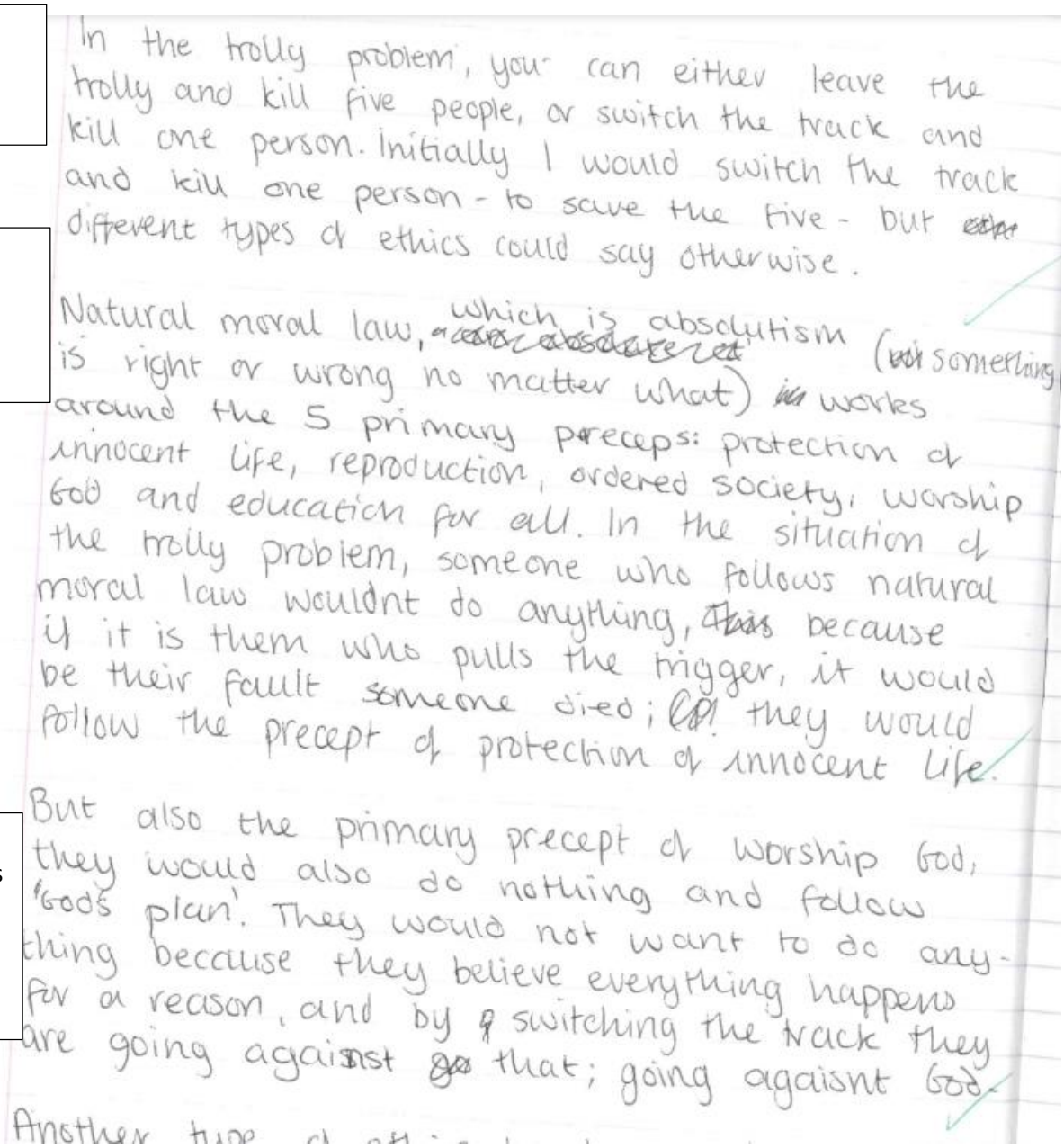
Year group: 9

Task: ***Should you sacrifice the one to save the many?***

Clear line of argument for the outset

Impressive knowledge of the concepts behind ethical theories

Acknowledgement that different aspects of a theory may be applied in slightly different ways



In the trolly problem, you can either leave the trolly and kill five people, or switch the track and kill one person. Initially I would switch the track and kill one person - to save the five - but different types of ethics could say otherwise.

Natural moral law, which is absolutism (something is right or wrong no matter what) works around the 5 primary preceps: protection of innocent life, reproduction, ordered society, worship God and education for all. In the situation of the trolly problem, someone who follows natural moral law wouldnt do anything, because if it is them who pulls the trigger, it would be their fault someone died; they would follow the precept of protection of innocent life.

But also the primary precept of worship God, they would also do nothing and follow 'Gods plan'. They would not want to do anything because they believe everything happens for a reason, and by switching the track they are going against that; going against God.

Another type of

Seeing links and contrasts between theories

Another type of ethics based around god is situation ethics; This is where you do the most loving thing (agape - unconditional love). Situation ethics unlike Natural moral law, is relativism, meaning they look at the situation to decide what is morally right.

Seeing the complexities when putting faith into practice

And so in the trolly problem, someone who follows situation ethics would switch the track and only killing the one person, as it is the most loving thing to do for the 5 people. Also according to ~~situat~~ ~~s~~ these ethics, you can break ~~or~~ religious rules, meaning that although Situation ethics is based on christian love, they can do it if it is the most loving thing (saving the 5 people).

The one that would be the most helpful, would have to be Situation ethics, ~~becau~~ This is because the context of the situation ethics is always going to be different. For example the one person could be be finding the cure for cancer, and the 5 people could be criminals. And in situation ethics, you can save the one person, therefore saving more people (~~who~~ people who would have died from cancer) and do the most loving thing.

Impressive knowledge of the concepts behind ethical theories

Thus ~~over~~ causing more positive ~~effects o~~ consequences overall, which could apply to many other ~~rel~~ ethics based on relativism, like utilaterianism - which is maximi~~m~~ising pleasure and minimising pain; maximise the pleasure for the people who got the cure for cancer.