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## Religious Studies

### Assessment Unit AS 7

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An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

[AR171]

FRIDAY 29 JANUARY, AFTERNOON

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#### TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Candidate Number and Centre Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

#### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.  
Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.  
Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

#### ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each question or part question.

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## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Describe the origins and nature of the Ontological argument for the existence of God. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that this argument can be successfully challenged. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the various ideas associated with belief in the resurrection. [35]
- (b) Explore the claim that belief in the immortality of the soul is unrealistic. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Describe the importance and place of miracle within religious thought. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that there is no place for the supernatural in a scientific age. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain the main features of mysticism. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that all religious experiences are valid. Justify your answer. [15]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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