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General Certificate of Education
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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit A2 6

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Ethics and Society

[AR261]

WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE, AFTERNOON



TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Candidate Number and Centre Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions from Section A and answer the compulsory question in Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.
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 in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section.

- 1 (a) Analyse and discuss how conscience is understood by religious and secular writers. [30]

(b) Critically assess the claim that the pacifist conscience is difficult to defend. [20]

- 2 (a) Explain and consider the contribution of feminist views in the Human Rights debate. [30]

(b) Critically evaluate the view that in the Human Rights debate the emphasis on rights has been at the expense of responsibilities. [20]

- 3 (a) Outline and examine the main religious and ethical views on the issue of Environmental Ethics. [30]

(b) Critically assess the claim that, because the environmental crisis is so serious, limits to human freedom are necessary. [20]

- 4 (a) With reference to relevant religious and ethical views, present a case for and discuss the issue of Capital Punishment. [30]

(b) Critically evaluate the view that resorting to the death penalty does not demonstrate Christian care and compassion. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Religion and State

You **must** answer this question.

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, explain some key ideas on the relationship between Religion and State. [30]
- (b) “Citizens of the State do not have to accept its laws.” Critically assess this claim. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

