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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 6

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Ethics and Society



AR261

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**FRIDAY 22 MAY, AFTERNOON**

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## **TIME**

2 hours.

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your Centre Number and Candidate 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) With reference to moral examples, identify and consider the challenges presented by ethical relativism for the Christian. [30]  
  
(b) Critically assess the view that in a godless age, secular theories on morality are as valid as religious approaches. [20]
  
- 2 (a) Outline and consider the secular contribution to the debate on Human Rights. [30]  
  
(b) Critically evaluate the view that the Christian record on Human Rights issues has not been good. [20]
  
- 3 (a) With particular reference to the Biblical creation accounts, outline and examine religious teaching on the relationship between animals and humankind. [30]  
  
(b) Critically assess the claim that there is no basis for the suggestion that animals have rights. [20]
  
- 4 (a) With reference to **two** significant contributors, discuss the development of Just War theory. [30]  
  
(b) Critically assess the view that it is unrealistic to expect any moral standards in war. [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, identify and consider the major issues raised in the debate concerning Religion and State. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that what the State legalises, should be considered right and moral. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

