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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 7

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Religious Belief and Competing Claims

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FRIDAY 3 JUNE, MORNING

Time

2 hours, plus your additional time allowance.

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 at the end of each question 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) Discuss the main teachings of Karl Marx on religion with particular reference to the influence of Ludwig Feuerbach. [30 marks]

- (b) Critically assess the claim that religion alone offers humanity happiness. [20 marks]

- 2 (a) Identify and discuss religious approaches to morality. [30 marks]

- (b) Critically assess the view that without God, everything is permitted. [20 marks]

3 (a) “God has revealed himself fully to all humanity.”

With particular reference to this statement, discuss the importance of revelation and how it can be understood in relation to the Creation Narratives. [30 marks]

(b) Critically evaluate the claim that the world views offered by scripture and science are irreconcilable. [20 marks]

4 (a) Present the case for and discuss religious pluralism. [30 marks]

(b) Critically evaluate the view that pluralism undermines religious belief. [20 marks]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Leadership

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a)** With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, outline and examine some of the key ideas associated with religious leadership. [30 marks]
- (b)** Critically assess the view that modern society no longer puts its trust in either religious or secular leadership. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20 marks]

