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**Unit 2: Investigations – The Study of Religion**

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### Instructions

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- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **only one** question.
- Answer the question in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on the question you choose.*
- Quality of written communication will be taken into account in the marking of all your responses  
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*

### Advice

- The assessment of your answer will be based on your knowledge and understanding of the topic in question (for 70% of the marks) and your evaluative skills (for 30% of the marks).

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**Answer ONLY ONE question.**

**The Study of Religion**

- 1** Examine and comment on the view that science may replace a religious account of the universe, with reference to the topic you have investigated.

**(Total for Question 1 = 50 marks)**

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- 2** With reference to the topic you have investigated, examine and comment on the views of one or more key thinkers **or** a specific discipline in the study of religion which may be considered important for an understanding of religion.

**(Total for Question 2 = 50 marks)**

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- 3** 'In religion there is no need for temples; no need for complicated philosophy. Our own brain, our own heart is our temple, and worship can take any form.'

Examine and comment on this claim, with reference to your investigation of creative expressions in religious life.

**(Total for Question 3 = 50 marks)**

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