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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit A2 7

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Religious Belief and Competing Claims

[AR271]



THURSDAY 26 MAY, MORNING

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.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section.

- 1 (a) With reference to the Biblical Creation accounts, identify and consider the role and importance of revelation in religion. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that religious and scientific world views can never be reconciled. [20]
- 2 (a) Analyse and discuss the views of **either** Jean-Paul Sartre **or** Søren Kierkegaard. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that Existentialism offers little hope to those enduring suffering and injustice. [20]
- 3 (a) Outline and discuss the relationship between moral integrity and political life. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that honesty in political life is not always the best policy. [20]
- 4 (a) With reference to religious belief, explain what is meant by the terms exclusivism and inclusivism. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that all religious claims are equally true. [20]

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 the contribution of key people to the theme of leadership. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that those in leadership must be prepared to face conflict and hostility. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

