

# ADVANCED General Certificate of Education 2013

## **Religious Studies**

Assessment Unit A2 6

assessing

**Ethics and Society** 

[AR261]

THURSDAY 6 JUNE, MORNING



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)	Present a case for and discuss how Virtue Ethics helps moral decision making.	[30]
	(b)	Critically evaluate the view that in making moral decisions the concept of moral duty cannot be ignored.	/ [20]
2	(a)	Outline and explain the contribution of Christian thought to the debate on human rights.	[30]
	(b)	Critically assess the claim that the concept of natural rights has no foundation.	[20]
3	(a)	Analyse and discuss the moral issues surrounding the debate on world poverty.	[30]
	(b)	Critically evaluate the view that the issue of animal suffering is of greater importance than the just distribution of the world's resources.	[20]
4	(a)	With reference to relevant religious and ethical perspectives discuss the nature and purpose of punishment.	[30]
	(b)	Critically assess the claim that the concept of diminished responsibility is not valid.	[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, discuss the contribution of key people to conflict between Religion and State. [30]
  - (b) "Conflict between Religion and State is inevitable."

Critically assess this view. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]