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## Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 7

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Religious Belief and Competing Claims

[AR271]

THURSDAY 6 JUNE, MORNING

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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) Outline and discuss the relationship between scientific and religious world views. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the domination of scientific thinking is dangerous. [20]
- 2 (a) Outline and examine the contribution of Sigmund Freud to an understanding of religious belief. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that God only exists in the mind. [20]
- 3 “Religion is the opium of the people.”
- (a) With reference to this statement, explain the reasons for Karl Marx’s rejection of religion. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Marx had little understanding of human nature. [20]
- 4 (a) Identify and discuss the main features of secular approaches to morality. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that there is no common ground between secular and religious views of morality. [20]

## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

#### Theme: Leadership

You **must** answer this question.

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, examine how key ideas have been important in influencing leadership. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that when it comes to religious and ethical leadership, the needs of ordinary people are not addressed. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

