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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 7

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An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

[AR171]

MONDAY 23 JUNE, AFTERNOON



TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

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.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) “The earth and all within it shows the imprint of a Supreme Designer.”
With reference to this quotation, give an account of the Teleological argument for God’s existence. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the Teleological argument is increasingly open to challenge. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the reasons for belief in the resurrection of the body. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the concept of Hell is both valid and relevant. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) With particular reference to Augustine’s teachings, describe the Christian response to the problem of evil. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that the cost of human freedom and salvation is too high. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give a detailed account of Hume’s rejection of the concept of miracle. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that miraculous healings are better explained as psychosomatic events. Justify your answer. [15]

