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## Religious Studies

### Assessment Unit A2 7

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Religious Belief and Competing Claims

[AR271]

WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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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) Identify and consider the differences between Sigmund Freud and C.G. Jung concerning religious belief. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that psychology is an essential tool in understanding religion. [20]
- 2 (a) Analyse and discuss the contribution of Albert Camus to Existentialism. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Existentialism offers a narrow and unrealistic view of humanity's experience in the world. [20]
- 3 (a) "At their core, all religions are the same."  
With reference to this claim, analyse and discuss what is meant by the term "inclusivism". [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that all true believers must be exclusivist in belief and action. [20]
- 4 (a) Identify and consider how Christian morality has shaped political life. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that morality cannot be a private matter. [20]

## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

#### Theme: Leadership

You **must** answer this question.

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, identify and consider the contribution of key religious and philosophical thinkers to the theme of leadership. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that secular leadership is preferable to other forms of leadership. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

