

# ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY (AS) General Certificate of Education 2014

# **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 challe Justify your answer.	nge. [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]