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## Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 6  
*assessing*  
Ethics and Society

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[AR261]

MONDAY 26 JUNE, MORNING

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### Time

2 hours, plus your additional time allowance.

### 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 at the end of each question 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 **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) With reference to moral examples, discuss how conscience can inform ethical decision making for the Christian. [30 marks]
  
- (b) Critically assess the claim that conscience is an unreliable guide in moral decision making. [20 marks]
  
- 2 (a) Outline and explain the Christian contribution to an understanding of Human Rights. [30 marks]
  
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the feminist contribution to the Human Rights debate has not been a positive one. [20 marks]

- 3 (a)** “The Genesis teaching on ‘dominion’ has played a significant role in the environmental crisis.”

With reference to this statement, discuss the moral issues surrounding the environmental crisis.

[30 marks]

- (b)** Critically evaluate the view that the environmental crisis could be resolved by using the “stewardship model” from Christianity. [20 marks]

- 4 (a)** Present the case for and discuss the Just War argument. [30 marks]

- (b)** Critically assess the claim that the Pacifist stance is really one of defeat and moral cowardice. [20 marks]

## 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, examine some major questions raised by the relationship between religion and state. [30 marks]

**(b)** “Religion should have no influence over the State.”

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

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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