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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 7

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An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

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FRIDAY 28 JANUARY, 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.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Give an account of the arguments put forward in the theodicy of Irenaeus. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that this theodicy has its limitations. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the philosophical problems associated with life after death. [35]
- (b) Explore the claim that there is no evidence for life after death. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of any **one** classical 'proof' for the existence of God. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that the concept of God is irrelevant. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Describe the contribution of Teresa of Avila to mysticism. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that mysticism enriches religion. Justify your answer. [15]

