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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 7

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An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

[AR171]

WEDNESDAY 25 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 in allocating the available examination time.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Describe the contribution of Anselm to the argument for the existence of God. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that the arguments for the existence of God fail to convince the sceptic. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the main features and significance of miracles for the theist. [35]
- (b) Explore the claim that there are strong arguments for rejecting belief in the miraculous. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain the difficulties which the problem of evil poses for the religious believer. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that suffering is both necessary and good. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the life and teaching of Martin Buber. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that it is difficult to accept religious experience as being of value. Justify your answer. [15]

