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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 7

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An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

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MONDAY 27 JANUARY, MORNING



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) With reference to relevant examples, explain what is meant by the term “religious experience”. [35]
- (b) Explore the claim that Martin Buber’s writings on religious experience will always be relevant. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the concept and give the reasons for belief in the “immortality of the soul”. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that life after death is merely wishful thinking. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) “The idea of God means that his existence is inevitable.”
- With reference to this quotation, give an account of the Ontological argument for the existence of God. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that atheism has failed to liberate humanity. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Describe and explain the different theistic views concerning the concept of miracle. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that science has successfully undermined belief in the miraculous. Justify your answer. [15]

