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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 7

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An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

[AR171]

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE, AFTERNOON



TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Candidate Number and Centre 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) Explain the central ideas of the Cosmological argument. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that the existence of God provides the best explanation for the universe. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the teachings of materialism and dualism with regard to life after death. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that belief in hell is a necessary part of Christian teaching. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Describe the arguments used to reject the concept of miracle. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that the concept of miracle is central to religious belief. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the main types of religious experience. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that the idea of religious experience must always be viewed with suspicion. Justify your answer. [15]

