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General Certificate of Education
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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit A2 6

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Ethics and Society

[AR261]

THURSDAY 6 JUNE, MORNING



TIME

2 hours.

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 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.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section.

- 1 (a) Present a case for and discuss how Virtue Ethics helps moral decision making. [30]

(b) Critically evaluate the view that in making moral decisions the concept of moral duty cannot be ignored. [20]

- 2 (a) Outline and explain the contribution of Christian thought to the debate on human rights. [30]

(b) Critically assess the claim that the concept of natural rights has no foundation. [20]

- 3 (a) Analyse and discuss the moral issues surrounding the debate on world poverty. [30]

(b) Critically evaluate the view that the issue of animal suffering is of greater importance than the just distribution of the world's resources. [20]

- 4 (a) With reference to relevant religious and ethical perspectives discuss the nature and purpose of punishment. [30]

(b) Critically assess the claim that the concept of diminished responsibility is not valid. [20]

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, discuss the contribution of key people to conflict between Religion and State. [30]

(b) "Conflict between Religion and State is inevitable."

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

