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**Religious Studies**  
Assessment Unit AS 7  
*assessing*  
An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion  
[AR171]



MONDAY 24 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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**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 in allocating the available examination time.

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## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Give an account of the arguments against the possibility of miracles. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that miracles are an essential part of religious belief. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the issues concerning the origins of natural and moral evil. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the Free Will Defence argument fails to address the problem of human suffering and evil. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of the importance of Teresa of Avila as a religious mystic. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that religious experience has often been divisive. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 “Thomas Aquinas provided the believer with Five Ways to affirm God’s existence.”
- (a) With reference to this statement, explain any **two** of Aquinas’ Five Ways. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that atheism is without foundation. Justify your answer. [15]

