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**Religious Studies**  
Assessment Unit A2 6

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Ethics and Society

[AR261]



WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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**TIME**

2 hours.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your Candidate Number and Centre 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) Analyse and discuss how conscience is understood by religious and secular writers. [30]  
  
(b) Critically assess the claim that the pacifist conscience is difficult to defend. [20]
  
- 2 (a) Explain and consider the contribution of feminist views in the Human Rights debate. [30]  
  
(b) Critically evaluate the view that in the Human Rights debate the emphasis on rights has been at the expense of responsibilities. [20]
  
- 3 (a) Outline and examine the main religious and ethical views on the issue of Environmental Ethics. [30]  
  
(b) Critically assess the claim that, because the environmental crisis is so serious, limits to human freedom are necessary. [20]
  
- 4 (a) With reference to relevant religious and ethical views, present a case for and discuss the issue of Capital Punishment. [30]  
  
(b) Critically evaluate the view that resorting to the death penalty does not demonstrate Christian care and compassion. [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, explain some key ideas on the relationship between Religion and State. [30]
- (b) “Citizens of the State do not have to accept its laws.” Critically assess this claim. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

