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General Certificate of Education
2014

Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 7

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Religious Belief and Competing Claims

[AR271]

WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE, AFTERNOON



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) Identify and consider the differences between Sigmund Freud and C.G. Jung concerning religious belief. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that psychology is an essential tool in understanding religion. [20]
- 2 (a) Analyse and discuss the contribution of Albert Camus to Existentialism. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Existentialism offers a narrow and unrealistic view of humanity's experience in the world. [20]
- 3 (a) "At their core, all religions are the same."
With reference to this claim, analyse and discuss what is meant by the term "inclusivism". [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that all true believers must be exclusivist in belief and action. [20]
- 4 (a) Identify and consider how Christian morality has shaped political life. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that morality cannot be a private matter. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Leadership

You **must** answer this question.

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, identify and consider the contribution of key religious and philosophical thinkers to the theme of leadership. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that secular leadership is preferable to other forms of leadership. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

