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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 6

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Ethics and Society



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FRIDAY 22 MAY, 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) With reference to moral examples, identify and consider the challenges presented by ethical relativism for the Christian. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that in a godless age, secular theories on morality are as valid as religious approaches. [20]
- 2 (a) Outline and consider the secular contribution to the debate on Human Rights. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the Christian record on Human Rights issues has not been good. [20]
- 3 (a) With particular reference to the Biblical creation accounts, outline and examine religious teaching on the relationship between animals and humankind. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that there is no basis for the suggestion that animals have rights. [20]
- 4 (a) With reference to **two** significant contributors, discuss the development of Just War theory. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that it is unrealistic to expect any moral standards in war. [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, identify and consider the major issues raised in the debate concerning Religion and State. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that what the State legalises, should be considered right and moral. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

