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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 7
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An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

[AR171]

WEDNESDAY 31 MAY, AFTERNOON



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TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate 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) With particular reference to the contribution of William Paley, explain the Teleological Argument. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that it is unreasonable to deny the existence of God. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the views of materialists concerning life after death. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that there is strong evidence to support the idea of an afterlife. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) With reference to particular examples, describe what is meant by mystical experiences. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that religious experience lacks both credibility and relevance. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) "Miracles are violations of the laws of nature."
With reference to this statement, explain Christian teaching concerning the nature and purpose of miracles. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that miraculous events will eventually be explained by science. Justify your answer. [15]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
