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General Certificate of Education

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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 6
assessing
Ethics and Society



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MONDAY 26 JUNE, MORNING

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, discuss how conscience can inform ethical decision making for the Christian. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that conscience is an unreliable guide in moral decision making. [20]
- 2 (a) Outline and explain the Christian contribution to an understanding of Human Rights. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the feminist contribution to the Human Rights debate has not been a positive one. [20]
- 3 (a) "The Genesis teaching on 'dominion' has played a significant role in the environmental crisis."
With reference to this statement, discuss the moral issues surrounding the environmental crisis. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the environmental crisis could be resolved by using the "stewardship model" from Christianity. [20]
- 4 (a) Present the case for and discuss the Just War argument. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that the Pacifist stance is really one of defeat and moral cowardice. [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, examine some major questions raised by the relationship between religion and state. [30]

(b) “Religion should have no influence over the State.”

Critically assess this view. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
