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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 7

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Religious Belief and Competing Claims



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**TUESDAY 27 JUNE, MORNING**

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## 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) "Religion is the result of the human mind's attempt to resolve inner psychological conflict."  
With particular reference to this quotation, discuss Freud's critique of religion. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Freud's analysis of religion is of little relevance. [20]
- 2 (a) Analyse and discuss the main ideas of Existentialism concerning human freedom and the absurdity of life. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Christianity has nothing to learn from Existentialism. [20]
- 3 (a) Outline and discuss what is meant by religious inclusivism. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that religious belief is opposed to the idea of inclusivism. [20]
- 4 (a) Identify and consider the main features of **one** secular view of morality. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that moral relativism is dangerous. [20]

**Section B**

**Synoptic Assessment**

**Theme: Leadership**

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a)** With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, examine the contribution of religious and philosophical thinkers to the theme of leadership. [30]
- (b)** Critically assess the view that above all else, society needs compassionate leadership. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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