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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 6

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Ethics and Society



AR261

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**MONDAY 18 JUNE, AFTERNOON**

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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) Explain how Virtue Ethics represents a relativist approach to morality. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that morality should be about obeying rules. [20]
- 2 (a) Examine **two** contrasting views on the nature of Human Rights. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that minority groups must accept the will of the majority in society. [20]
- 3 (a) Outline the religious and ethical arguments for the view that animals have rights. [30]
- (b) “Experimentation on animals is essential for the well-being of humankind.” [20]  
Critically assess this claim.
- 4 (a) Present a case for, and discuss the view that capital punishment is a violation of “the right to life”. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that “war is a necessary evil”. [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, outline and consider some key ideas on the relationship between Religion and the State. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that the good of the State should come before that of the individual. 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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