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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 7

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Religious Belief and Competing Claims



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WEDNESDAY 20 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) Analyse and explain the impact of evolutionary theory for an understanding of the Biblical Creation Narratives. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that there is strong evidence for Intelligent Design. [20]
- 2 (a) "Humanism is an optimistic vision of the world which substitutes man for God."
Examine this claim. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the accusation by Humanists that Christianity is world evading. [20]
- 3 (a) With reference to appropriate examples, discuss the link between religion and morality. [30]
- (b) "An absence of religion leads to a collapse of morality."
Critically evaluate this view. [20]
- 4 (a) Identify and consider the main features of Jung's view of religion. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that psychology fails to understand religious belief. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Leadership

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, outline and examine some major issues arising from the theme of religious and secular leadership. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that today's society sees religious leadership as out of touch and unimportant. You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

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