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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 8
assessing
Themes in the Philosophy of Religion



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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 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 part question in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a)** Explain the challenges that the theory of evolution poses for the Creation Narratives in Genesis. [20]
- (b)** Critically assess the claim that it is impossible to reconcile scientific and religious world views. [30]

- 2 (a)** Discuss the place of God in Kant's understanding of the Categorical Imperative. [20]
(b) "If God is dead, then everything is permitted." Critically evaluate this claim and consider the extent to which morality is possible in the absence of God. [30]

- 3 (a)** "The notion of life after death is illogical." With reference to this claim, identify and consider the views of materialism on life after death. [20]
(b) Critically assess John Hick's argument in support of resurrection. [30]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Faith, Freedom and Atheism

You **must** answer this question

4 (a) Discuss how **one** of the principles of Humanism can be shared by religious believers. You must support your answer with reference to at least one other unit of study. [20]

(b) "The secular world fails to recognise that religious belief is a natural part of what it is to be human."

Critically assess this claim. You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
