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## Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 6

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Module 6: A Study of Ethics  
and Contemporary Issues

[A2R61]

FRIDAY 29 MAY, MORNING

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### TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **two** questions.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 90.  
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.

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- 1 (a) Discuss the central ideas of the Augustinian theodicy. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the existence of evil is necessary for moral choice. [15]
- 2 (a) Discuss any **two** theories on the nature of conscience. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that conscience can be used to justify almost anything. [15]
- 3 (a) Discuss the religious and moral issues raised by Racism **and** Sectarianism. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that not all people are born equal. [15]
- 4 (a) Discuss the religious and moral issues raised by **either** the ecological crisis **or** war. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that Christians have failed in their responsibility to care for the planet. [15]

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

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