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## Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 7

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Module 7: Issues of Religious Belief:  
Competing Claims

[A2R71]

FRIDAY 29 JANUARY, AFTERNOON

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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 David Hume's contribution to the debate on miracles. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that belief in miracles is still valid. [15]
- 2 (a) Discuss the central teachings of Charles Darwin concerning evolution. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Darwin's theory of evolution is destructive of religious belief. [15]
- 3 (a) Discuss Karl Marx's critique of religion. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Marx had an overly optimistic view of human nature. [15]
- 4 (a) Discuss the Utilitarian view of morality. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that religion provides an essential foundation for morality. [15]

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

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