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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit AS 7
assessing
An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion
[AR171]



MONDAY 21 JUNE, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.
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.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A.

- 1 (a) Describe David Hume's arguments against miracle. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that miracles are 'happy coincidences'. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the life and writings of Thomas Merton. [35]
- (b) Explore the claim that mysticism is still both relevant and valid. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B.

- 3 (a) Explain any **two** of Aquinas' arguments for the existence of God. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that atheism has liberated humankind. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Describe the main features of Augustine's theodicy. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that humankind must assume full responsibility for the problem of evil and suffering. Justify your answer. [15]

