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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 6

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Ethics and Society

[AR261]

WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE, MORNING



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TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Candidate Number and Centre 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.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) Identify and discuss **two** views on the nature of conscience. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that the existence of conscience enables a person to justify any action. [20]
- 2 (a) Outline and explain Christian and secular perspectives on the nature of Human Rights. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the promotion of the rights of women has only served to create conflict. [20]
- 3 (a) Explain and consider the development and features of the Just War theory. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the Just War theory is no longer morally acceptable. [20]
- 4 (a) Outline and examine the religious and moral arguments used to support the case for Capital Punishment. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Capital Punishment is effective in protecting society. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Religion and State

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, consider some of the main ideas on the relationship between religion and the state. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim there is always an ethical need to challenge the state. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

