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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 7

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Religious Belief and Competing Claims

[AR271]

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) Outline and examine the views of Christians who support Creationism and Intelligent Design. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the Genesis account of creation has no value in a scientific age. [20]
- 2 (a) Outline and discuss Freud's interpretation of religious belief. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that psychology has contributed little to an understanding of religious belief. [20]
- 3 (a) Present the case for and discuss the Marxist critique of religion. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that Christian and Marxist views can never be reconciled. [20]
- 4 (a) Analyse and discuss the relationship between religion and morality. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that religious morality is increasingly open to challenge. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Leadership

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, identify and consider some ideas on the nature of leadership. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that religious leaders and philosophers have often undermined religion. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

