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## **Religious Studies**

### **Assessment Unit AS 7**

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**An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion**

**[AR171]**

**FRIDAY 28 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 **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.

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## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Give an account of the arguments put forward in the theodicy of Irenaeus. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that this theodicy has its limitations. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the philosophical problems associated with life after death. [35]
- (b) Explore the claim that there is no evidence for life after death. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of any **one** classical 'proof' for the existence of God. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that the concept of God is irrelevant. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Describe the contribution of Teresa of Avila to mysticism. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that mysticism enriches religion. Justify your answer. [15]

