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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit A2 6

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Ethics and Society

[AR261]

THURSDAY 26 MAY, MORNING



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 main features of the Virtue Ethics approach to moral decision making. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that this approach presents no difficulties for the Christian. [20]
- 2 “The unfair treatment of women has to be challenged, because men and women were created equally.”
- (a) With reference to relevant religious and ethical viewpoints, analyse and discuss this statement. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that feminism has done more harm than good for the rights of women. [20]
- 3 (a) Outline and explain why some writers have argued that rights should be accorded to animals. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that eating, hunting and experimenting on animals is of no moral significance. [20]
- 4 (a) With reference to relevant religious and ethical views, present a case for and discuss the issue of Pacifism. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that it is morally permissible for the Christian to engage in violence and war. [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, outline and explain the contribution of some key people to the debate on the relationship between Religion and the State. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the authority of the State has to be accepted as final in matters of faith and ethics. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

