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General Certificate of Education
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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 7

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Religious Belief and Competing Claims

[AR271]

MONDAY 28 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 in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section.

- 1 (a) Analyse and discuss the impact of Darwin's theory of evolution on religious belief. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that it is still possible to accept the traditional Biblical account of creation. [20]
- 2 (a) Outline and explain C.G. Jung's interpretation of religious belief. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that a knowledge of psychology can only benefit religious faith. [20]
- 3 (a) Present the case for and discuss the Humanist critique of religion. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that Humanism has much to learn from Christianity. [20]
- 4 (a) With reference to religious belief, analyse and explain what is meant by the term pluralism. [30]
- (b) "Pluralism is a denial of both religious identity and truth." Critically assess this claim. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Leadership

You **must** answer this question.

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, outline and examine some major issues arising from the theme of leadership. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that religious leadership has responded successfully to the challenges of a secular age. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

