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## Religious Studies

### Assessment Unit AS 7

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An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

[AR171]



TUESDAY 27 JANUARY, MORNING

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#### TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Candidate Number and Centre Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** 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 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 life and teaching of **either** Teresa of Avila **or** Martin Buber. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that mystical experiences lack validity. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Describe the philosophical arguments for belief in the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body. [35]
- (b) Explore the claim that evidence for life after death is unconvincing. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of the Teleological argument for the existence of God. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the impact of atheism. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the teaching of the theodicy of Irenaeus. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that selfishness lies at the root of human suffering. Justify your answer. [15]

