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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 7

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An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

[AR171]

MONDAY 24 JUNE, AFTERNOON



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** 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 in allocating the available examination time.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Give an account of the arguments against the possibility of miracles. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that miracles are an essential part of religious belief. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the issues concerning the origins of natural and moral evil. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the Free Will Defence argument fails to address the problem of human suffering and evil. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of the importance of Teresa of Avila as a religious mystic. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that religious experience has often been divisive. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 “Thomas Aquinas provided the believer with Five Ways to affirm God’s existence.”
- (a) With reference to this statement, explain any **two** of Aquinas’ Five Ways. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that atheism is without foundation. Justify your answer. [15]

