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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 8

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Themes in the Philosophy of Religion

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[ARE81]

MONDAY 27 JUNE, MORNING

Time

2 hours, plus your additional time allowance.

Instructions to Candidates

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.

Answer **two** questions from Section A and 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 at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Advice to Candidates

You are advised to take account of the marks for each part question in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

1 (a) Distinguish between the terms univocal and analogical in relation to religious language. [20 marks]

(b) Critically assess the view that there is little evidence to support a religious world view. [30 marks]

2 (a) Compare and contrast the differences between resurrection and reincarnation. [20 marks]

(b) “Consciousness, including thoughts and feelings, is identical with brain processes.”

Critically evaluate this claim in relation to life after death. [30 marks]

3 (a) Examine how Plato’s Euthyphro dilemma challenges Divine Command theory. [20 marks]

(b) “Morality only survives because of belief in God.”

With reference to this claim, critically evaluate the suggestion that morality still requires moral absolutes. [30 marks]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Faith, Freedom and Atheism

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) “In an age without God, humanist principles are essential for humanity.”

Present a case for this statement. You must support your answer with reference to at least **one** other unit of study. [20 marks]

- (b) Critically assess the claim that the influence of religion on humanity has always been positive. You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30 marks]

This is the end of the question paper
