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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 7

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Global Ethics

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FRIDAY 23 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) With reference to **one** moral example, explain the approach of Virtue Ethics to ethical decision making. [20 marks]

(b) “Virtue Ethics and Determinism are incompatible as freedom is crucial to moral choice.”

How far do you agree with this statement? [30 marks]

2 (a) Outline the understanding of natural human rights with particular reference to John Locke. [20 marks]

(b) Critically evaluate the view that the use of birth control by women to control fertility is a human and moral right. [30 marks]

3 (a) Explain why some Christians support capital punishment. [20 marks]

(b) Critically assess the claim that the only ethical basis for the use of capital punishment is deterrence. [30 marks]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Conscience, Freedom and Tolerance

You **must** answer this question

4 (a) “Conscience should be free from religious teaching.”

With reference to this statement, outline the secular understanding of conscience. You must support your answer with reference to at least **one** other unit of study.
[20 marks]

(b) Critically evaluate the view that all decisions made in light of one’s conscience are always in the interest of the “common good”.

You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30 marks]

This is the end of the question paper
