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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 26 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) Outline the main features of Creationism. [20 marks]

(b) “The scientific world view offers the only vision of truth.”

Critically assess this claim. [30 marks]

2 (a) Clarify what dualism teaches about the immortality of the soul. [20 marks]

(b) “The concepts of immortality and resurrection both suffer from major philosophical difficulties.”

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

3 (a) Outline Kant’s view of the Categorical Imperative.
[20 marks]

(b) Critically evaluate the claim that morality is pointless without belief in God. [30 marks]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Faith, Freedom and Atheism

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) Present a case for the view that religion is an alienating force in society.

You must support your answer with reference to at least **one** other unit of study. [20 marks]

- (b) “Humanism, unlike religion, has failed in its attempt to provide human fulfilment.”

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

This is the end of the question paper
