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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 7

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Global Ethics



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THURSDAY 20 JUNE, MORNING

## TIME

2 hours.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

**You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.**

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Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **two** questions from Section A and the compulsory question in Section B.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

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Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

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

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## Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) "Free will is the capacity to distinguish what is morally good, and to act on it."  
In light of this statement, clarify the concept of free will. [20]
- (b) To what extent is the hard determinist position more convincing than that of the soft determinist position? [30]
- 2 (a) Outline the religious contribution to the development of human rights. [20]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that virtue ethics offers more to feminists than other ethical theories in addressing issues of gender justice. [30]
- 3 (a) Present a case for how weapons of mass destruction (WMD) make Just War theory meaningless. [20]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that to use war and capital punishment to protect society is ethical. [30]



## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

#### Theme: Conscience, Freedom and Tolerance

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) "Religious intolerance is a major cause of prejudice and division."

Outline the evidence to support this claim. You must support your answer with reference to at least **one** other unit of study. [20]

- (b) "Duty is the best motive to act morally."

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























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