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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 7

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Global Ethics



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TUESDAY 17 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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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)** Outline the origins and application of Virtue Ethics in the work of Aristotle. [20]
- (b)** “A virtue-based approach is the best guide for making moral decisions in today’s society for everyone.”
- With particular reference to the views of modern virtue ethicists, critically assess this claim. [30]
- 2 (a)** “It is wrong to give preference to humans over other species.”
- Explain why this position is held in the animal rights debate. [20]
- (b)** To what extent does cultural relativism undermine the idea that human rights can ever be universalised? [30]
- 3 (a)** “Punishment that takes diminished responsibility into account is in keeping with religious teaching.”
- Present a case for this statement. [20]
- (b)** Critically evaluate the view that capital punishment can never be justified as it is both wrong and barbaric. [30]



Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Conscience, Freedom and Tolerance

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a)** “Everyone has the right to freedom of conscience and personal liberty.”

Clarify this statement with reference to **one** example of a prisoner of conscience.

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

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- (b)** “For the state, the protection of the common good is more important than the rights of individuals.”

Consider critically this view.

You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer.

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