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General Certificate of Education

Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 7
assessing
Global Ethics



ARE71

[ARE71] Assessment

TIME

2 hours.

Assessment Level of Control:

Tick the relevant box (✓)

Controlled Conditions	
Other	

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 down the right-hand side of pages 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)** Clarify the main differences between hard and soft determinism. [20]
- (b)** “The determinist view, if true, makes moral choice meaningless.”
Critically assess this claim. [30]
- 2 (a)** Outline what is distinctive about the Christian view of human rights. [20]
- (b)** “Animals are as deserving of rights as human beings, yet the species attitudes of humans have hindered this.”
Critically evaluate this statement. [30]
- 3 (a)** Explain the religious arguments used to justify punishment based on retribution. [20]
- (b)** “Virtue ethics offers a more convincing case against capital punishment than any other ethical teaching.”
Critically assess this claim. [30]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Conscience, Freedom and Tolerance

You **must** answer this question

4 (a) With reference to **one** example, present a case for the religious basis of intolerance. You must support your answer with reference to at least one other unit of study. [20]

(b) “The religious believer cannot escape the importance of carrying out their moral duty in any situation.”

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

