

General Certificate of Education
June 2003
Advanced Level Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 9 Studies in Religion and Ethics

RS09

Tuesday 17 June 2003 Morning Session

In addition to this paper you will require:
an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is RS09.
- Answer **two** questions.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

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Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain how MacIntyre's account of a life lived in accordance with the virtues could be applied to the issue of consumerism. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Explain how the religion you have studied might analyse the causes and consequences of consumerism, and assess how convincing this analysis is. *(30 marks)*
- 2 (a) Explain how the religion you have studied approaches the issue of animal experimentation. *(20 marks)*
- (b) (i) Explain virtue ethics as formulated by Aristotle. *(10 marks)*
- (ii) "Virtue ethics provides a better ethical guide than religion for deciding the rights and wrongs of animal experimentation."
- Assess this view with reference to the religion you have studied. *(20 marks)*
- 3 (a) "Individuals make their moral decisions freely."
- Explain the meaning of this statement from the point of view of 'soft' determinism and Libertarianism. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Explain what is meant by 'hard' determinism, and, with reference to the religion you have studied, assess the view that religion cannot accept that our moral decisions are determined. *(30 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS