

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 4 An introduction to Religion and Ethics

RS04

Thursday 15 January 2004 Morning Session

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

Time allowed: 1 hour

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 RS04.
- Answer **two** questions: **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- 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.

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

1 Read the passage and answer questions (a) and (b) which follow.

“In his account of Utilitarianism, Mill stressed the differences between ‘higher’ and ‘lower’ pleasures. As he said, ‘It is better to be a human being dissatisfied than a pig satisfied; better to be Socrates dissatisfied than a fool satisfied’.”

MILL, *Utilitarianism*, 1863, Chapter 2

(a) Explain what Mill meant by saying that certain pleasures were ‘higher’ than other pleasures. (10 marks)

(b) There have been criticisms of Mill’s approach to Utilitarianism. Identify and explain **three** such criticisms. (10 marks)

2 (a) Explain the views of **one** religion you have studied regarding the use of embryos in medical research. (15 marks)

(b) Explain how Bentham’s theory of Utilitarianism could be used to defend the use of embryos in medical research, and assess how useful this attempt may be. (25 marks)

3 (a) Explain how Kant’s ethical theories might be applied to the issue of abortion. (15 marks)

(b) Explain the views of **one** religion you have studied on the issue of abortion, and assess the view that neither Kant nor religion have anything helpful to say on the issue of abortion. (25 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS