

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**RELIGIOUS STUDIES** **RS01**  
**Unit 1 An introduction to Religion and Human Experience**

Friday 11 June 2004 Afternoon 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 RS01.
- 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.

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

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

“Religious experiences have a part to play in all religions, and they come in many different forms. Some visions, for example, are terrifying, while others are inspiring. Mystical experiences are also varied, both in their content and in their impact.”

(a) Explain what is meant by visions. *(10 marks)*

(b) Outline the main characteristics of a mystical experience. *(10 marks)*

**2** (a) Explain the role of scripture as an inspiration for faith and practice. *(15 marks)*

(b) Explain the main characteristics of a revelation experience, and assess the view that revelation experience has little value as a source of faith and practice in religion today. *(25 marks)*

**3** (a) Explain the role of scripture as a source of authority in religion. *(15 marks)*

(b) Explain the claim that scripture may be interpreted in different ways, and assess the view that scriptures divide believers rather than unite them. *(25 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**