

General Certificate of Education
June 2005
Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 4 An introduction to Religion and Ethics

RS04

Thursday 9 June 2005 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 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** “Pollution is a growing problem, and takes many different forms. For instance, we are increasing the rate at which we burn fossil fuels. This contributes to the problem of the ‘greenhouse effect’. The temperature of the earth is rising. Ice caps are melting.”
- (a) Outline the teaching of **one** religion you have studied regarding the environmental issue of pollution. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Explain briefly how Kant’s theory of the categorical imperative can be applied to the issue of pollution. *(10 marks)*
- 2** (a) Explain the views of **one** religion you have studied regarding the value of embryos and their use in medical research. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Explain how Mill’s version of Utilitarianism can be used to defend the use of embryos in medical research, and assess how useful this defence is. *(25 marks)*
- 3** (a) Explain how Kant’s ethical theory can be applied to the issue of the use of **either** animal **or** human organs in human transplantation. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Explain the views of **one** religion you have studied regarding the issue of organ transplantation, and assess the view that neither Kant nor religion can really help people to decide whether transplantation is right. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS