

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 4 An introduction to Religion and Ethics

RS04

Thursday 8 June 2006 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

For this paper you must have:

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

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

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

1 Read this passage and answer parts (a) and (b) which follow.

‘People have very strong views about the right to life. This is particularly true of those who have a religious faith and who often find themselves debating the quality of life as opposed to the sanctity of life when it comes to the issues of euthanasia and organ transplantation.’

- (a) Outline the views of **one** religion you have studied concerning euthanasia. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Outline the views of **one** religion you have studied concerning organ transplantation, with reference to the quality and sanctity of life. *(10 marks)*

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- (a) Explain how Bentham’s hedonic calculus could be used to justify the use of natural resources. *(15 marks)*
 - (b) Explain the views of **one** religion you have studied on the use of natural resources, and assess how far these views could be said to be appropriate in today’s world. *(25 marks)*

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- (a) Explain how Kant’s ethical theory can be applied to the allocation of resources in medicine. *(15 marks)*
 - (b) Explain the views of **one** religion you have studied on the allocation of resources in medicine, and assess the claim that these views provide a better guide than Kant’s ethical theory to the allocation of resources in medicine. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS