

General Certificate of Education  
June 2008  
Advanced Level Examination



**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**Unit 9 Studies in Religion and Ethics**

**RS09**

Friday 6 June 2008 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black 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.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Answer **two** questions.

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- 1 (a) Explain Virtue Ethics as formulated by Alasdair MacIntyre. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Explain **one** religious perspective on the issue of business espionage, and assess the view that neither Virtue Ethics nor this religious perspective is helpful with regard to this issue. *(30 marks)*
- 2 (a) Explain how both ‘soft’ determinists and Libertarians see people as using their free will to make ethical decisions. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Explain what is meant by a ‘hard’ determinist position on making ethical decisions, and, with reference to **one** religion you have studied, assess the view that religion cannot accept that ethical decisions are always determined. *(30 marks)*
- 3 (a) Outline the ethical issues raised by genetic engineering, and examine the ways in which **one** religion has responded to these issues. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Outline Virtue Ethics as formulated by Aristotle, and assess the view that, with regard to genetic engineering, following a Virtue Ethics approach is better than following a religious approach. *(30 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**