



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2009

Religious Studies

RSS01

Unit A Religion and Ethics 1

Thursday 15 January 2009 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 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 RSS01.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- In each question, part (a) tests your knowledge and understanding, while part (b) tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **two** questions.

- 1** (a) Explain the general principles of Utilitarianism, including reference to both Act and Rule Utilitarianism. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘Increasing pleasure is more important than ending pain and suffering.’
- How far would Utilitarians agree with this statement? *(15 marks)*
- 2** (a) Examine any **four** of Fletcher’s six principles of Situation Ethics. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘Love is the highest law for Christians, and it should override all others when necessary.’
- Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*
- 3** (a) Explain religious teachings about the value of human life. You may refer to **one or more** religion(s). *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘People should always be treated the same regardless of race or disability.’
- How far may religious believers accept this view? *(15 marks)*
- 4** (a) Explain religious and ethical arguments in favour of euthanasia. *(30 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that, from a religious perspective, humans have a right to life. *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS