



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2009

Religious Studies

RSS02

Unit B Religion and Ethics 2

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 RSS02.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that 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 Kant's theory of duty. *(30 marks)*
- (b) 'In Kant's ethics, doing your duty is the only thing that matters.'
- Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*
- 2** (a) Explain how Aquinas developed the idea of Natural Law in ethics. *(30 marks)*
- (b) 'Aquinas' system of Natural Law Ethics is no longer relevant.'
- Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*
- 3** (a) Explain the view that any world created by God must be the best of all possible worlds. *(30 marks)*
- (b) 'The view that this world is perfect is impossible to defend.'
- Discuss how far this is true. *(15 marks)*
- 4** (a) Explain religious teachings about human responsibility for the environment. *(30 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that religious teachings are of no value in helping to protect the environment. *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS