



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS01

Unit A Religion and Ethics 1

Wednesday 13 January 2010 9.00 am to 10.15 am

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 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) 'Utilitarian thinking is consequential.'

Explain the meaning of this statement. Refer to the utilitarianism of both Bentham and Mill in your answer. *(30 marks)*

- (b) 'Happiness is the only goal in life that is worth working for.'

Discuss how far you agree. *(15 marks)*

- 2 (a) Examine how Situation Ethics may be applied to **one** ethical issue of your choice. (Do **not** choose abortion or euthanasia.) *(30 marks)*

- (b) How far is Situation Ethics a satisfactory approach to moral decision-making? *(15 marks)*

- 3 (a) Explain religious teaching about equality with particular reference to gender and race. You may refer to more than one religion in your answer. *(30 marks)*

- (b) 'People with disabilities are less valuable than able-bodied people.'

To what extent must religion reject this view? *(15 marks)*

- 4 (a) Summarise arguments against abortion with reference to both ethical and religious teachings. *(30 marks)*

- (b) 'The mother's right to life should always overrule the rights of her unborn child.'

Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS