



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2010

Religious Studies

RSS04

Unit D Religion, Philosophy and Science

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 RSS04.
- 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) Examine **two** understandings of miracle. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘Science proves that miracles do not happen.’
- Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*
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- 2** (a) ‘God is the Creator.’
- Explain how a creationist would understand this statement. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘Creationism is not a reasonable understanding of creation.’
- Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*
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- 3** (a) Examine the scientific arguments against the design argument. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘Modern scientific arguments do not require us to abandon the design argument.’
- Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*
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- 4** (a) Explain how quantum mechanics might have parallels with mystical insights into the nature of reality. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘Attempts to match quantum mechanics with religion are of no value.’
- Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS