



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2010

Religious Studies

RST3F

Unit 3F Religion and Contemporary Society

Friday 11 June 2010 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-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 RST3F.
- 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 100.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part 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.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 Religion responding to the challenges facing the world

0 1 Explain the attitudes to war within **one or more religion(s)** you have studied. (30 marks)

and

0 2 'War is a political issue, not a religious one.'

Assess how far it is appropriate for religion to concern itself with the issue of war. (20 marks)

Question 2 Challenges to religion in contemporary society

0 3 Examine ways in which religions are weakened by divisions within them. (30 marks)

and

0 4 'Challenges to religion from outside are greater than those from within.'

Assess this claim. (20 marks)

Question 3 New forms of spirituality both within and outside religions

0 5 Examine sociological and psychological reasons for the current interest in various forms of spirituality. (30 marks)

and

0 6 Assess which of these reasons best explains the current interest in spirituality. (20 marks)

Question 4 Religion and national identity

0 7 Examine the role of the 'established church' in **either** England **or** Scotland. (30 marks)

and

0 8 Assess the claim that there is no place for an established church in contemporary society. (20 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS