



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
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## Religious Studies

## RST4C

**Unit 4C Religious Authority OR  
Ways of Moral Decision-Making OR  
Ways of Reading and Understanding Scripture**

**Thursday 17 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 RST4C.
- Choose **one Section** only.  
Section A Religious Authority page 2  
Section B Ways of Moral Decision-Making page 3  
Section C Ways of Reading and Understanding Scripture page 4
- Answer **one** question.
- 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 75.
- 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.

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**Section A Religious Authority**

Answer **one** question.

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

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**Question 1**

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 Examine various types of secular challenges to religious authority. *(45 marks)*

**and**

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 'Religious authority is entirely dependent upon religious belief and unquestioning obedience.'

Evaluate this assertion. *(30 marks)*

**Question 2**

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 Explain how the study of scripture can challenge religious authority. *(45 marks)*

**and**

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 Assess the claim that religion should adapt to meet any challenge to its authority. *(30 marks)*

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**Section B Ways of Moral Decision-Making**

Answer **one** question.

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

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**Question 3**

**0 5** Examine how religion can help people to determine their behaviour. Refer to **either** medical research and medical developments **or** business practice and economics. *(45 marks)*

**and**

**0 6** With reference to your chosen topic, consider how successful religion can be in helping religious people to deal with the ethical issues involved. *(30 marks)*

**Question 4**

**0 7** Examine how both deontological and teleological ethical systems can be used to help people make moral decisions. *(45 marks)*

**and**

**0 8** Assess the view that hybrid ethical systems are most suitable for moral decision-making. *(30 marks)*

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**Section C Ways of Reading and Understanding Scripture**

Answer **one** question.

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

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**Question 5**

**0 9** Examine the status of the scriptures of **one** religion. *(45 marks)*

**and**

**1 0** 'Translated scriptures can never have the status of the original.'  
Assess this claim. *(30 marks)*

**Question 6**

**1 1** Examine what the scriptures of **one** religion teach about the relationship between humankind and God/Ultimate Reality. *(45 marks)*

**and**

**1 2** Assess the view that scripture is a reliable guide to people's future. *(30 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**