



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## Religious Studies

## RSS01

Unit A Religion and Ethics 1

Wednesday 12 January 2011 9.00 am to 10.15 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 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, 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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Answer **two** questions.

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

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### Question 1 Utilitarianism

**0 1** Explain how moral decisions should be made according to:

- Act Utilitarianism, and
- Rule Utilitarianism.

*(30 marks)*

and

**0 2** 'Utilitarianism is only concerned with the happiness of the community, not the happiness of the individual.'

How far do you agree?

*(15 marks)*

### Question 2 Situation Ethics

**0 3** Explain the meaning and importance of Christian love in Situation Ethics. *(30 marks)*

and

**0 4** 'If you act in a loving way, then everything you do must be right.'

How far do you agree?

*(15 marks)*

### Question 3 Religious teaching on the nature and value of human life

**0 5** Examine religious teaching about what it means to be human. You may refer to more than one religion in your answer. *(30 marks)*

and

**0 6** 'Religious attitudes to gender equality are straightforward: in religion, women are always inferior to men.'

Assess this view.

*(15 marks)*

### Question 4 Abortion and Euthanasia

**0 7** Examine the role of each of the following in the care of the dying: palliative care, hospices and voluntary euthanasia. *(30 marks)*

and

**0 8** 'Hospices make euthanasia unnecessary.'

Consider how far you agree with this view.

*(15 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**