



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
January 2011

## Religious Studies

## RSS04

Unit D Religion, Philosophy and Science

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 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, 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 Miracles

**0 | 1** Explain religious and scientific challenges to the idea of an interventionist God. (30 marks)

and

**0 | 2** 'If God does not intervene, then there are no miracles.'  
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

### Question 2 Creation

**0 | 3** Explain scientific views of the origin and end of the universe. (30 marks)

and

**0 | 4** 'Scientific views of the origin of the universe leave no room for God.'  
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

### Question 3 The design argument

**0 | 5** Explain Dawkins' arguments against the design argument **and** Swinburne's arguments in support of the design argument. (30 marks)

and

**0 | 6** 'It is not reasonable to believe in God because of the design argument.'  
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

### Question 4 Quantum mechanics and a religious world view

**0 | 7** Explain how the scientific understanding of both the nature of light and the nature of the electron may have implications for religious belief. (30 marks)

and

**0 | 8** 'Quantum mechanics makes agreement between science and religion possible.'  
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**