



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## Religious Studies

## RSS01

Unit A Religion and Ethics 1

Thursday 26 May 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** Examine the general principles of utilitarianism with reference to any ethical issue(s) of your choice. (Do **not** choose abortion or euthanasia.) *(30 marks)*

and

**0 2** 'Utilitarianism is so easy, anyone can use it as a method of moral decision-making.'  
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

### Question 2 Situation Ethics

**0 3** Examine the following ideas as they appear in the theory of Situation Ethics:

- situation
- conscience
- relativism.

*(30 marks)*

and

**0 4** 'There are no rules in Situation Ethics.'  
Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

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

**0 5** Examine religious teachings about the value of human life with particular reference to quality of life and self-sacrifice. *(30 marks)*

and

**0 6** 'Non-human life should be valued just as highly as human life.'  
To what extent could religion accept this view? *(15 marks)*

**Question 4 Abortion and euthanasia**

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 Explain religious teachings that support the view that ending the life of another human being can never be justified. Refer to **both** abortion **and** euthanasia in your answer. *(30 marks)*

**and**

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 'Human beings should be able to decide when to die.'  
Discuss how far you agree with this statement. *(15 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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