



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS04

Unit D Religion, Philosophy and Science

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 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 Hume's arguments against miracles. (30 marks)

and

0 2 Assess the claim that Hume's arguments against miracles are entirely irrelevant to religious believers. (15 marks)

Question 2 Creation

0 3 Explain what religious believers mean when they say that God is the creator. (30 marks)

and

0 4 'To claim that God is the creator is to ignore modern science.'
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

Question 3 The design argument

0 5 Explain the design argument as presented by Aquinas **and** by Paley. (30 marks)

and

0 6 'The design argument lacks credibility in the 21st century.'
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

Question 4 Quantum mechanics and a religious world view

0 7 Explain key ideas in the world view of quantum mechanics. (30 marks)

and

0 8 'Quantum mechanics makes it possible for science to be "religious".'
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS