AQA

General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2012

Religious Studies   RSS03

Unit C   Philosophy of Religion

Tuesday 17 January 2012   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 RSS03.
● 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.

RSS03

Answer **two** questions.

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

Question 1 The Cosmological argument

0 1   Explain Aquinas' cosmological argument with particular reference to:
- God as the first mover
- God as the necessary being.   *(30 marks)*

and

0 2   'The cosmological argument proves that God exists.'

How far do you agree?   *(15 marks)*

Question 2 Religious experience

0 3   Examine the main characteristics of visions and of mystical experiences.   *(30 marks)*

and

0 4   'Science has fully explained religious experience.'

To what extent do you agree?   *(15 marks)*

Question 3 Psychology and religion

0 5   Examine ways in which Freud challenged belief in God.   *(30 marks)*

and

0 6   'Religious faith is necessary for good mental health.'

How far do you agree?   *(15 marks)*

Question 4 Atheism and postmodernism

0 7   Explain what is meant by:
- 'There is no God'
- 'God is dead'.   *(30 marks)*

and

0 8   'Religion has not responded successfully to the challenge of atheism.'

To what extent do you agree?   *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS