



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2012

Religious Studies

RSS01

Unit A Religion and Ethics 1

Wednesday 16 May 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 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.

Answer **two** questions.

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

Question 1 Utilitarianism

- 0 1** Explain how a Utilitarian might use the hedonic calculus in making moral decisions.
Illustrate your answer with reference to any ethical issue(s) of your choice. (Do **not** choose abortion or euthanasia.) *(30 marks)*

and

- 0 2** 'Happiness is the only worthwhile goal in life.'
Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

Question 2 Situation Ethics

- 0 3** Explain what Fletcher understands by 'Christian love' and its role in the moral decision-making process of Situation Ethics. *(30 marks)*

and

- 0 4** 'Situation Ethics is weak because it gives the decision-makers no real guidance about what they should do.'
Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

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

- 0 5** Explain religious teaching about what it means to be human. *(30 marks)*

and

- 0 6** 'Human beings have complete control over their own life and destiny.'
How far might a religious believer agree with this statement? *(15 marks)*

Question 4 Abortion and Euthanasia

- 0 7** Explain ethical arguments in favour of abortion. *(30 marks)*

and

- 0 8** 'From a religious point of view, abortion can never be good.'
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS