



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2012

Religious Studies

RSS03

Unit C Philosophy of Religion

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 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.

Answer **two** questions.

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

Question 1 The cosmological argument

0 | 1 Examine the different understandings of the role of God found in the cosmological argument. *(30 marks)*

and

0 | 2 'The cosmological argument shows that it is reasonable to believe in God.'
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

Question 2 Religious experience

0 | 3 Explain the argument from religious experience for the existence of God. *(30 marks)*

and

0 | 4 'Religious experiences cannot prove that God exists.'
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

Question 3 Psychology and religion

0 | 5 Examine Jung's understanding of religion. *(30 marks)*

and

0 | 6 'Jung's understanding of religion has more strengths than weaknesses.'
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

Question 4 Atheism and postmodernism

0 | 7 Examine the reasons for the rise of atheism. *(30 marks)*

and

0 | 8 To what extent is religion in retreat in the modern world? *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS