



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
June 2012

## Religious Studies

## RSS04

Unit D Religion, Philosophy and Science

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 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.

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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 Miracles**

**0 1** Explain what it means to describe a miracle as an event of religious significance. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 2** 'The continued existence of suffering in the world makes belief in miracles unreasonable.'

Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

**Question 2 Creation**

**0 3** Examine ways in which religious believers understand creation as ongoing action by God. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 4** 'God is simply a response to unanswered questions about creation.'

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

**Question 3 The design argument**

**0 5** Outline Paley's design argument and explain Hume's criticisms of the design argument. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 6** Consider how far Hume's criticisms of the design argument are successful. *(15 marks)*

**Question 4 Quantum mechanics and a religious world view**

**0 7** Examine the parallels between quantum mechanics and mysticism. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 8** 'The parallels between quantum mechanics and mysticism are of no real significance.'

Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**