



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2013

Religious Studies

RSS01

Unit A Religion and Ethics 1

Tuesday 15 January 2013 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 Act Utilitarianism **and** Rule Utilitarianism may be used to make moral decisions. *(30 marks)*

and

0 2 'Utilitarianism is not compatible with a religious approach to moral decision-making.'
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

Question 2 Situation Ethics

0 3 Explain the general principles of Situation Ethics, illustrating your answer with reference to any ethical issue(s) of your choice. (Do **not** choose abortion or euthanasia.) *(30 marks)*

and

0 4 'Situation Ethics is not a practical method of moral decision-making.'
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

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

0 5 Explain religious teaching about how far human beings are able to influence their own life and destiny. You may refer to more than one religion in your answer. *(30 marks)*

and

0 6 'From a religious point of view, some human beings are more valuable than others.'
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

Question 4 Abortion and euthanasia

0 7 Explain ethical issues involved in legislation about abortion. *(30 marks)*

and

0 8 'Abortion is not murder.'
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS