



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2013

Religious Studies

RSS03

Unit C Philosophy of Religion

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 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 Explain key criticisms of the cosmological argument. (30 marks)

and

0 2 'The cosmological argument does not help religious faith.'
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

Question 2 Religious experience

0 3 Explain the challenges of both philosophy **and** science to religious experience. (30 marks)

and

0 4 To what extent have these challenges been successful? (15 marks)

Question 3 Psychology and religion

0 5 Explain how Freud's understanding of religion challenges religious belief. (30 marks)

and

0 6 'Psychology has successfully explained away God.'
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

Question 4 Atheism and postmodernism

0 7 Explain the main features of a postmodernist view of religion. (30 marks)

and

0 8 'Postmodernism is a denial of religion.'
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS