



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2013

Religious Studies

RSS01

Unit A Religion and Ethics 1

Monday 13 May 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.
Each question has **two** parts.
- 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 the meaning and importance of each of the following in the theory of Utilitarianism:
- the greatest happiness principle
 - the consequences of actions.
- (30 marks)*

and

- 0 2** 'Happiness cannot be measured.'
- How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

Question 2 Situation Ethics

- 0 3** Explain how Situation Ethics may be applied to an ethical issue of your choice. (Do **not** choose abortion or euthanasia.) *(30 marks)*

and

- 0 4** 'The highest Christian law is love.'
- Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

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

- 0 5** Explain religious teaching about equality and difference. You may refer to more than one religion in your answer. *(30 marks)*

and

- 0 6** 'Religious believers should have a fatalistic view of life.'
- Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

Question 4 Abortion and euthanasia

- 0 7** Explain religious and ethical arguments against euthanasia. *(30 marks)*

and

- 0 8** 'Religious arguments against euthanasia are not important today.'
- How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS