



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2015

Religious Studies

RST4C

Unit 4C Religious Authority OR
 Ways of Moral Decision-Making OR
 Ways of Reading and Understanding Scripture

Wednesday 17 June 2015 1.30 pm to 3.00pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

A Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is RST4C.
- Choose **one** section only.
Section A Religious Authority page 2 or
Section B Ways of Moral Decision-Making page 3 or
Section C Ways of Reading and Understanding Scripture page 4.
- Answer **one** question in the section you have chosen.
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 75.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding. 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.

Section A RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 1

0 1 Examine the authority of both scripture and tradition in one or more religion(s) **and** explain how this authority is used. **[45 marks]**

and

0 2 'Religion has no real authority.'
How far do you agree? **[30 marks]**

Question 2

0 3 Examine scientific and political types of secular authority **and** explain how they challenge religious authority. **[45 marks]**

and

0 4 'Secular authorities should never challenge religious authority.'
How far do you agree? **[30 marks]**

Section B WAYS OF MORAL DECISION-MAKING

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 3

- 0 5** Examine the role of the religious conscience in moral decision-making. Illustrate your answer with reference to **either** medical research and medical developments **or** business practice and economics. **[45 marks]**

and

- 0 6** 'The conscience can solve all moral problems.'
How far do you agree? **[30 marks]**

Question 4

- 0 7** Examine the use of deontological ethical systems in moral decision-making. Illustrate your answer with reference to **either** medical research and medical developments **or** business practice and economics. **[45 marks]**

and

- 0 8** 'Deontological ethical systems do not work.'
How far do you agree? **[30 marks]**

Turn over for Section C

Section C WAYS OF READING AND UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 5

0 9 Examine the status of scriptures as the Word of God or as a realisation of Ultimate Reality in one or more religion(s). **[45 marks]**

and

1 0 'Translated scriptures have lost their authority.'
How far do you agree? **[30 marks]**

Question 6

1 1 Examine different approaches to the study of the scriptures of **one** religion. **[45 marks]**

and

1 2 'Scriptural study destroys religious belief.'
How far do you agree? **[30 marks]**

END OF QUESTIONS