

A-level

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Paper 4A Life, Death and Beyond OR
Perceptions of Ultimate Reality OR
Religious Experience

Tuesday 21 June 2016

Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is RST4AR.
- Choose **one** section only
 - Section A Life, Death and Beyond page 2 or
 - Section B Perceptions of Ultimate Reality page 3 or
 - Section C Religious Experience 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 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 LIFE, DEATH AND BEYOND

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 1

0 1 Examine religious teaching about, and religious attitudes to, the future, especially the end.
[45 marks]

and

0 2 'Religious believers should focus on the present rather than the future.'
Discuss how far you agree.
[30 marks]

Question 2

0 3 Examine religious beliefs about death.
[45 marks]

and

0 4 'If death is the end, then life can have no purpose.'
Discuss how far you agree.
[30 marks]

Section B PERCEPTIONS OF ULTIMATE REALITY

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 3

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Examine religious understandings of the relationship between God/Ultimate Reality and the physical world with particular reference to the ideas of immanence and transcendence.

[45 marks]

and

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'From a religious perspective, God/Ultimate Reality is beyond understanding.'

Discuss how far you agree.

[30 marks]

Question 4

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Examine how both religious language and art express ideas about God/Ultimate Reality.

[45 marks]

and

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'Art expresses ideas about God/Ultimate Reality more effectively than religious language.'

Discuss how far you agree.

[30 marks]

Turn over for Section C

Section C RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 5

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 Examine the characteristics and processes of the following types of religious experience:

- conversion
- revelation.

[45 marks]

and

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 'There is no real difference between a religious experience and a non-religious experience.'

Discuss how far you agree.

[30 marks]

Question 6

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 Examine the influence of religious experience as a source of religious practice and good religious behaviour.

[45 marks]

and

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 'Religious experiences do not provide a sound basis for religious belief and practice.'

Discuss how far you agree.

[30 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS