

A-level RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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

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 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 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 both the role of God and the religious conscience as sources of religious authority.

[45 marks]

and

0 2 'For believers, God has more authority than the religious conscience.'

Assess this claim.

[30 marks]

Question 2

0 3 Examine secular challenges to religious authority.

[45 marks]

and

0 4 'Religion has no convincing answer to secular challenges to 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 each question chosen.

Question 3

0 5 Examine how laws from scripture **and** from religious tradition are used in moral decision-making.

[45 marks]

and

0 6 'To make morally good decisions, people should always follow religious laws.'

Assess this claim.

[30 marks]

Question 4

0 7 Examine how the following are used to make moral decisions.

- **One** teleological ethical system.
- **One** hybrid ethical system.

Illustrate your answer with reference to **either** medical research and medical developments **or** business practice and economics.

[45 marks]

and

0 8 'It does not matter which ethical system people use.'

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 role of scholars in understanding the scriptures of one religion. **[45 marks]**

and

1 0 'Scripture always needs to be interpreted.'
Assess this claim. **[30 marks]**

Question 6

1 1 Explain what the scriptures of one religion teach about the nature of God / Ultimate Reality **and** about the relationship between God / Ultimate Reality and humankind. **[45 marks]**

and

1 2 'There cannot be any relationship between God / Ultimate Reality and humankind.'
How far do you agree? **[30 marks]**

END OF QUESTIONS

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