

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 4 An introduction to Religion and Ethics

RS04

Thursday 5 June 2003 Afternoon Session

In addition to this paper you will require:
an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or 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 RS04.
- Answer **two** questions: **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

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Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

1 Read the passage and answer questions (a) and (b) which follow.

“Religions emphasise the absolute value and importance of each human life and the need to protect that life. Religions must therefore stand firm against the legalisation of voluntary euthanasia because it would undermine the high status and dignity of human life.”

(a) Outline the teaching of the religion you have studied on the issue of voluntary euthanasia.
(10 marks)

(b) Explain the ways in which utilitarianism could be applied to the issue of voluntary euthanasia.
(10 marks)

2 (a) Explain how Mill’s account of utilitarianism can be seen both as building on and as criticising the ideas of Bentham.
(15 marks)

(b) “Religious principles should replace utilitarianism as the dominant approach to the use of natural resources.”

Explain how a religious believer might defend this claim, and assess the validity of this claim.
(25 marks)

3 (a) Explain how Kant’s ethical theory could be applied to the issue of the transplantation of human organs.
(15 marks)

(b) “Religion provides a satisfactory set of principles for dealing with the issue of transplantation.”

Outline how the religion you have studied responds to the issue of transplantation, and assess this claim.
(25 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS