

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 12 Studies in Religion and Human Experience

RS12

Monday 26 June 2006 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book

The use of additional materials and texts is **not** permitted.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

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 RS12.
- Answer **one** question.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

Answer **one** question.

Religious Experience

- 1 (a) Examine **two** different types of religious experience. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Explain how religious experience can influence moral behaviour, and assess how far religious experience is necessary for dictating moral behaviour in the 21st century. *(30 marks)*
- 2 (a) Examine how religious experience may be regarded as a foundation for establishing religious movements. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Examine how the validity of religious experience can be tested, and assess the significance of religious experience for religious people today. *(30 marks)*

Religious Authority

- 3 (a) Examine the source(s) of religious authority. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Explain how religion uses/religions use authority, and assess how significant authority is for religion(s) today. *(30 marks)*
- 4 (a) Choose **two** major types of religious authority and explain their significance for religion. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Examine how religious authority has been challenged, and assess how successful religion is when it meets challenges to its authority. *(30 marks)*

Life, Death and Beyond

- 5 (a) Examine what religion teaches/religions teach about death and beyond. *(20 marks)*
- (b) (i) Explain the views of one or more religion about the relationship between life on earth and what happens after death.
- (ii) Assess how far a belief in life after death can be acceptable for people in the 21st century. *(30 marks)*
- 6 (a) Examine ideas about the nature and value of human life in the 21st century. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Explain what is meant by eschatology and apocalyptic teaching, and assess the significance of eschatology and apocalyptic teaching for people today. *(30 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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