



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS01

Unit A Religion and Ethics 1

Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards

This question paper uses the new numbering system and new AQA answer book

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 8-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black 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 RSS01.
- Answer **two** questions.
- 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 90.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while 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.

Answer **two** questions.

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

Question 1 Utilitarianism

0 | 1 Explain Mill's Utilitarianism and how it may be applied to **one** ethical issue **other than** abortion or euthanasia. *(30 marks)*

AND

0 | 2 Assess the claim that Mill's Utilitarianism is too difficult to apply as a system of moral decision-making. *(15 marks)*

Question 2 Situation Ethics

0 | 3 Examine how Fletcher's four presumptions guide the situationist in making moral decisions. *(30 marks)*

AND

0 | 4 'Situation Ethics is not compatible with other Christian approaches to moral decision-making.'
Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

Question 3 Religious teaching on the nature and value of human life

0 | 5 Examine religious ideas about the human condition. *(30 marks)*

AND

0 | 6 'Human life must always take priority over non-human life.'
How far would religious believers accept this view? *(15 marks)*

Question 4 Abortion and euthanasia

0 | 7 Explain the ethical issues involved in legislation about euthanasia. *(30 marks)*

AND

0 | 8 Assess the view that euthanasia can never be good. *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS