AQA

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Religious Studies   RSS04

Unit D   Religion, Philosophy and Science

Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards
This question paper uses the new numbering system and new AQA answer book

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For this paper you must have:
- an 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 RSS04.
- 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.

RSS04

Answer **two** questions.

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

Question 1   Miracles

| 0 | 1 | 'Miracles are described as events of religious significance.'

Explain the meaning of this statement.   *(30 marks)*

AND

| 0 | 2 | Discuss how far miracles make it reasonable to believe in God.   *(15 marks)*

Question 2   Creation

| 0 | 3 | Examine ways in which religious believers explain the origin of life on Earth.   *(30 marks)*

AND

| 0 | 4 | Assess the view that evolutionary theory conflicts with belief in a creator.   *(15 marks)*

Question 3   The design argument

| 0 | 5 | Examine the ways in which the design argument has been criticised by David Hume.

(30 marks)

AND

| 0 | 6 | 'Hume's criticisms do not destroy the design argument.'

Assess this view.   *(15 marks)*

Question 4   Quantum mechanics and a religious world view

| 0 | 7 | Explain the key ideas in the world view of quantum mechanics.   *(30 marks)*

AND

| 0 | 8 | 'Quantum mechanics brings agreement between science and religion closer.'

Assess this statement.   *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS