



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2009

Religious Studies

RSS08

Unit H Religion and Contemporary Society

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 RSS08.
- 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 Changing patterns of religious practice in the UK during the 20th century

0 1 Examine the relative strengths and distribution of the main religious groups to be found in the United Kingdom today. (30 marks)

AND

0 2 'Religion in the United Kingdom today is alive and well.'
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

Question 2 Expressions of religion within society

0 3 Examine the role of faith schools within the United Kingdom today. (30 marks)

AND

0 4 'Faith schools are inappropriate in the 21st century.'
Assess this view. (15 marks)

Question 3 Issues of identity and belonging

0 5 With reference to **one or more** religion(s), examine the difficulties faced by people trying to practise their religion in the United Kingdom today. (30 marks)

AND

0 6 'Only those with a strong faith can overcome the difficulties of practising religion today.'
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

Question 4 An introduction to New Religious Movements (NRMs) and the rise of new forms of religious activity during the 20th century

0 7 With reference to New Religious Movements, explain what is meant by 'millenarianism'. (30 marks)

AND

0 8 'Millenarian movements will always be attractive to the deprived.'
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS