



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2010

Religious Studies

RSS02

Unit B Religion and Ethics 2

Wednesday 13 January 2010 9.00 am to 10.15 am

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 RSS02.
- 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, part (a) tests your knowledge and understanding, while part (b) 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.

- 1 (a) Explain how Kant's theory of the categorical imperative might be applied to an ethical issue of your choice. (Do **not** choose an environmental issue.) (30 marks)
- (b) With reference to the ethical issue you have chosen, assess the strengths and weaknesses of Kant's approach. (15 marks)
- 2 (a) Examine how the theory of Natural Law works in practice. (30 marks)
- (b) 'There is no such thing as natural good.'
Discuss how far you agree. (15 marks)
- 3 (a) Examine religious teachings about the status and duty of humankind in the created world. (30 marks)
- (b) Assess the strengths and weaknesses of religious views about the status and duty of humankind in the created world. (15 marks)
- 4 (a) Explain the ethical issues involved in the protection and preservation of the environment. (30 marks)
- (b) 'Humans should be forced to be environmentally responsible.'
How far do you agree with this claim? (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS