



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2010

Religious Studies

RSS03

Unit C Philosophy of Religion

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 RSS03.
- 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 key criticisms of the cosmological argument. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘The weaknesses of the cosmological argument far outweigh its strengths.’
To what extent do you agree with this view? *(15 marks)*
- 2** (a) Examine the main characteristics of conversion **and** mystical experiences. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘It is impossible to verify a religious experience.’
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*
- 3** (a) Examine Jung’s view of religion as an expression of the collective unconscious. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘Jung’s view of religion challenges religious belief.’
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*
- 4** (a) Examine what is meant by saying ‘God is dead’. *(30 marks)*
- (b) Assess the claim that, in the modern world, God is not dead. *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS