



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2010

Religious Studies

RSS01

Unit A Religion and Ethics 1

Monday 7 June 2010 9.00 am to 10.15 am

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 Examine how Bentham's Utilitarianism may be applied to **one** ethical issue of your choice. (Do **not** choose abortion or euthanasia.) (30 marks)

and

0 2 'Bentham's Utilitarianism is not compatible with a religious approach to ethics.'
Assess this view. (15 marks)

Question 2 Situation Ethics

0 3 'Situation Ethics is the middle way between legalism and antinomianism.'
Explain this statement. (30 marks)

and

0 4 'Situation Ethics is not a practical way of moral decision-making'.
Evaluate this claim. (15 marks)

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

0 5 Explain religious teaching about free will. You may refer to more than one religion in your answer. (30 marks)

and

0 6 How far must a religious view of life be fatalistic? (15 marks)

Question 4 Abortion and euthanasia

0 7 Analyse the various answers to the question 'when does human life start?' (30 marks)

and

0 8 'Unborn babies cannot be murdered.'
Consider how far this is true. (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS