



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
June 2010

## Religious Studies

## RSS04

Unit D Religion, Philosophy and Science

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 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.

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Answer **two** questions.

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

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**Question 1 Miracles**

**0 1** 'A miracle is a violation of the laws of nature.'

Explain the implications of this statement for religious understandings of the way God interacts with the world. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 2** 'It is not reasonable to believe in God simply because of miracles.'

Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

**Question 2 Creation**

**0 3** Outline the theory of evolution **and** explain how it challenges religious belief. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 4** 'It is not possible to believe in God as creator and accept the theory of evolution.'

Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

**Question 3 The design argument**

**0 5** Explain the design argument as presented by Paley **and** by Swinburne. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 6** 'Swinburne's argument deals successfully with the criticisms of the design argument.'

Assess this statement. *(15 marks)*

**Question 4 Quantum mechanics and a religious world view**

**0 7** Outline **two** ideas in quantum mechanics **and** examine the implications of quantum mechanics for religion. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 8** 'Science needs religion and religion needs science.'

To what extent is this an acceptable view? *(15 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**