



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2011

Religious Studies

RSS03

Unit C Philosophy of Religion

Wednesday 12 January 2011 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 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, 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 The Cosmological argument

0 | 1 Explain how Aquinas' cosmological argument attempts to prove that God exists. (30 marks)

and

0 | 2 Assess the value of the cosmological argument for religious faith. (15 marks)

Question 2 Religious experience

0 | 3 'I have had a religious experience.'
Explain what this means for a religious believer. (30 marks)

and

0 | 4 'It is necessary to have a religious experience in order to understand fully what a religious experience is.'
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

Question 3 Psychology and religion

0 | 5 Explain how psychology has understood religion, with particular reference to:
• the Oedipus complex
• the theory of archetypes. (30 marks)

and

0 | 6 'Psychology has successfully explained "God" away.'
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

Question 4 Atheism and postmodernism

0 | 7 Examine the differences between atheism and agnosticism. (30 marks)

and

0 | 8 'It is atheism rather than religion that is in retreat in the 21st century.'
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS