



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS08

Unit H Religion and Contemporary Society

Thursday 26 May 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 RSS08.
- 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 Changing patterns of religious practice in the UK during the 20th century

0 1 Outline the various ways in which religious practice can be measured, and examine the relative strengths of the religious groups found in the United Kingdom (UK) today. *(30 marks)*

and

0 2 'Being a committed member of a religious group has lost its significance in the 21st century.'

Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

Question 2 Expressions of religion within society

0 3 Outline the meaning of the term 'faith school', and examine the role of these schools in the educational system of the United Kingdom (UK) today. *(30 marks)*

and

0 4 'Religious groups should not be involved in the provision of education today.'

Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

Question 3 Issues of identity and belonging

0 5 Examine the concepts of 'identity' and 'assimilation' with reference to **one or more** religion(s). *(30 marks)*

and

0 6 'In today's society, assimilation is essential.'

How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

Question 4 An introduction to New Religious Movements (NRMs)

0 7 Examine the concept of millenarianism with reference to New Religious Movements. *(30 marks)*

and

0 8 'Millenarian movements have little appeal to people in the 21st century.'

Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS