



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
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## Religious Studies

## RST3F

**Unit 3F Religion and Contemporary Society**

**Monday 13 June 2011 9.00 am to 10.30 am**

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

### **Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 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 RST3F.
- 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 100.
- 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 Religion responding to the challenges facing the world**

**0 1** Examine the attitudes to, and actions on, poverty in **one or more** religion(s) you have studied. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 2** 'Poverty is a fact of life which religions can do little to alter.'  
Assess this claim. *(20 marks)*

**Question 2 Challenges to religion in contemporary society**

**0 3** Examine the range of meanings of the term 'secularisation'. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 4** 'Secularisation is such a broad term that it is of little use.'  
Assess this view. *(20 marks)*

**Question 3 New forms of spirituality both within and outside religions**

**0 5** Examine the various forms which spirituality may take both within and outside mainstream religion. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 6** 'Spirituality outside religion is just as important as that within religion.'  
Assess this claim. *(20 marks)*

**Question 4 Religion and national identity**

**0 7** Explain what is meant by 'civic religion'. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 8** 'Civic religion should have no role in the United Kingdom (UK) today.'  
Assess this claim. *(20 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**