



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
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## Religious Studies

## RST4A

**Unit 4A Life, Death and Beyond OR  
Perceptions of Ultimate Reality OR  
Religious Experience**

**Wednesday 15 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 RST4A.
- Choose **one** section only
  - Section A Life, Death and Beyond page 2
  - Section B Perceptions of Ultimate Reality page 3
  - Section C Religious Experience page 4
- Answer **one** question.
- 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 75.
- 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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**Section A LIFE, DEATH AND BEYOND**

Answer **one** question.

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

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**Question 1**

**0 1** Examine the main religious and secular eschatological and apocalyptic teachings. *(45 marks)*

**and**

**0 2** 'Eschatological and apocalyptic teaching has no value for people today.'  
Assess this view. *(30 marks)*

**Question 2**

**0 3** Examine the ideas of **one or more** religion(s) on the importance of the present life. *(45 marks)*

**and**

**0 4** 'Religious and secular ideas about this present life are essentially the same.'  
How far do you agree? *(30 marks)*

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**Section B PERCEPTIONS OF ULTIMATE REALITY**

Answer **one** question.

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

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**Question 3**

**0 5** Examine the views of both Marx and Freud on the role of the concept of God and on the influence of the concept of God on society. *(45 marks)*

**and**

**0 6** 'Religion has no satisfactory answer to the challenges of secular thinkers about God/Ultimate Reality.'  
Assess this claim. *(30 marks)*

**Question 4**

**0 7** Examine how religious experience can be a source for knowledge about God/Ultimate Reality. *(45 marks)*

**and**

**0 8** 'The personal nature of any religious experience means that it has no value beyond the individual.'  
How far do you agree? *(30 marks)*

**Turn over for Section C**

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**Section C RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE**

Answer **one** question.

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

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**Question 5**

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 Examine the influence and value of religious experience in **one or more** religion(s).  
(45 marks)

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 'It is only through religious experience that any real understanding of God/Ultimate Reality can be achieved.'

Assess this claim. (30 marks)

**Question 6**

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 Examine how claims made about having a religious experience can be verified.  
(45 marks)

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 'Religious experience, whether verified or not, has little significance for people today.'

Assess this claim. (30 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**