



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2012

Religious Studies

RSS01

Unit A Religion and Ethics 1

Tuesday 17 January 2012 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 RSS01.
- 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 Utilitarianism

0 1 Explain **both** the general principles of Utilitarianism **and** the distinctive features of Mill's Utilitarianism. *(30 marks)*

and

0 2 'Ending pain should always be more important than increasing pleasure.'
To what extent would a Utilitarian agree with this view? *(15 marks)*

Question 2 Situation Ethics

0 3 Examine each of the four presumptions of Situation Ethics: pragmatism, contextual relativism, positivism and personalism. *(30 marks)*

and

0 4 How far can Situation Ethics be considered a Christian form of moral decision making? *(15 marks)*

Question 3 Religious teaching on the nature and value of human life

0 5 Explain religious teachings about the value of human and non-human life. *(30 marks)*

and

0 6 'A human being is no more than a thinking animal.'
How far can religious believers accept this view? *(15 marks)*

Question 4 Abortion and euthanasia

0 7 Explain what is meant by active euthanasia and passive euthanasia, and why some people might want euthanasia. *(30 marks)*

and

0 8 'No one has the right to keep me alive against my will when I have made it clear that I want to die.'
How far can religious believers accept this view? *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS