



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
January 2012

## Religious Studies

## RSS02

Unit B Religion and Ethics 2

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 RSS02.
- 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.

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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 Kant and ethics**

**0 1** Explain how Kant uses reason as the basis of his system of ethics. (30 marks)

**and**

**0 2** 'Reason cannot be the basis of a successful ethical system.'  
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

**Question 2 Natural Law and ethics**

**0 3** Explain Aquinas' Natural Law Ethics. (30 marks)

**and**

**0 4** Assess the view that Natural Law Ethics has more strengths than weaknesses. (15 marks)

**Question 3 Religious views of the created world**

**0 5** Explain the view that God sustains the created world. (30 marks)

**and**

**0 6** 'If God sustains the created world, then God must be immoral.'  
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

**Question 4 Environment, both local and worldwide**

**0 7** Explain ethical issues associated with Third World development. (30 marks)

**and**

**0 8** 'To protect the environment, Third World development should be restricted.'  
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**