



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2012

Religious Studies

RST3F

Unit 3F Religion and Contemporary Society

Thursday 31 May 2012 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.

Answer **two** questions.

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

Question 1 Religion responding to the challenges facing the world

0 1 Summarise the actions of **one or more** religion(s) on war and on environmental issues. (30 marks)

and

0 2 'It is more important for religion to take action on war than on environmental issues.'
Assess this claim. (20 marks)

Question 2 Challenges to religion in contemporary society

0 3 Examine the nature of a secular society. (30 marks)

and

0 4 How far is it appropriate to describe UK society today as secular? (20 marks)

Question 3 New forms of spirituality both within and outside religions

0 5 Examine the work of the Religious Experience Research Unit (RERU). (30 marks)

and

0 6 How far is interest in religious experience simply a natural response to a highly materialistic, commercialised society? (20 marks)

Question 4 Religion and national identity

0 7 Examine ways in which religion has traditionally been linked to national identity in the UK. (30 marks)

and

0 8 'Any idea of religion being involved with national identity is out of date in the 21st century.'
Assess this view. (20 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS