



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**

Thursday 14 June 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 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.

Section A LIFE, DEATH AND BEYOND

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 1

0 1 Examine religious and secular perspectives on the value of human life. *(45 marks)*

and

0 2 'Religious views about the value of life have no relevance in today's largely secular society.'

How far do you agree? *(30 marks)*

Question 2

0 3 Examine religious and non-religious views of death and beyond. *(45 marks)*

and

0 4 'The purpose of life is to prepare for death.'

Assess this view. *(30 marks)*

Section B PERCEPTIONS OF ULTIMATE REALITY

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 3

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Examine different understandings of the human situation in relation to God/Ultimate Reality.

(45 marks)

and

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'Beliefs about God/Ultimate Reality have a negative impact on the way in which people live their lives.'

How far do you agree?

(30 marks)

Question 4

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Examine the ways in which human understanding of God/Ultimate Reality is expressed in religious language, art and symbols.

(45 marks)

and

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'Attempts to express ideas about God/Ultimate Reality are meaningful only for the believer.'

Assess this claim.

(30 marks)

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Section C RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 5

0 9 Examine what may be meant by the term 'religious experience'. (45 marks)

and

1 0 'Religious experiences make it difficult for religion to be taken seriously.'
How far do you agree? (30 marks)

Question 6

1 1 Examine the role of religious experience as a source of religious practice and of good religious behaviour. (45 marks)

and

1 2 'Religious experiences are a valid and reliable source of faith.'
How far do you agree? (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS