



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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Religious Studies

RST4C

**Unit 4C Religious Authority OR
Ways of Moral Decision-Making OR
Ways of Reading and Understanding Scripture**

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 RST4C.
- Choose **one** section only.
 - Section A Religious Authority page 2
 - Section B Ways of Moral Decision-Making page 3
 - Section C Ways of Reading and Understanding Scripture 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 RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 1

0 1 Examine the relationship between dependent religious authorities (eg scripture, religious leaders, religious institutions, tradition) and their source(s). *(45 marks)*

and

0 2 'All religious authority depends solely upon God.'
How far do you agree? *(30 marks)*

Question 2

0 3 Examine how different types of secular authority challenge religious authority. *(45 marks)*

and

0 4 'Religious authority cannot overcome the challenges from secular authorities.'
Evaluate this claim. *(30 marks)*

Section B WAYS OF MORAL DECISION-MAKING

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 3

0 5 Examine how religious people might apply religious ethical teachings to **either** medical research and medical developments **or** business practice and economics. *(45 marks)*

and

0 6 'Religious ethical teaching is not helpful when deciding about these issues.'
Assess this claim with reference to the medical or business issues you have examined. *(30 marks)*

Question 4

0 7 Examine how hybrid ethical systems can be used to help people make moral decisions. *(45 marks)*

and

0 8 'Only deontological ethical systems are sufficiently clear to help people make moral decisions.'
Evaluate this view. *(30 marks)*

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Section C WAYS OF READING AND UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 5

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 Examine the use of religious scriptures in worship and their role in people's personal lives. *(45 marks)*

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 'Scripture can never be irrelevant.'
How far do you agree? *(30 marks)*

Question 6

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 Examine the reaction of **one** religion to criticism of its scriptures, both from within that religion and from outside it. *(45 marks)*

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 Evaluate the view that religion should not tolerate any criticism of its scriptures. *(30 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS