



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2013

Religious Studies

RSS04

Unit D Religion, Philosophy and Science

Tuesday 15 January 2013

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 RSS04.
- 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 Miracles

0 1 Explain the significance for believers and for non-believers of the view that a miracle is a violation of natural law. *(30 marks)*

and

0 2 'A miracle is best understood as an act of God.'
Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

Question 2 Creation

0 3 Explain:

- the key ideas of deism
- the belief in God as sustainer.

(30 marks)

and

0 4 'Deism adds nothing to religious understandings of creation.'
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

Question 3 The design argument

0 5 Explain philosophical objections to the design argument. *(30 marks)*

and

0 6 Assess the view that philosophical objections to the design argument have done little to undermine it. *(15 marks)*

Question 4 Quantum mechanics and a religious world view

0 7 Examine the implications of quantum mechanics for religion. *(30 marks)*

and

0 8 'Quantum mechanics has made science religious.'
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS