



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
June 2013

## Religious Studies

## RSS02

### Unit B Religion and Ethics 2

Monday 13 May 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 RSS02.
- Answer **two** questions.  
Each question has **two** parts.
- 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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Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

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**Question 1 Kant's theory of ethics**

**0 | 1** Explain the categorical imperative in Kant's theory of ethics, and show how it might be applied to an ethical issue of your choice.  
(Do **not** choose an environmental issue.) *(30 marks)*

and

**0 | 2** 'Kant's categorical imperative does not work in practice.'  
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

**Question 2 Natural Law and ethics**

**0 | 3** Outline Natural Law Ethics, and explain the principle of double effect. *(30 marks)*

and

**0 | 4** 'The principle of double effect weakens Natural Law Ethics.'  
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

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

**0 | 5** Explain the view that the created world is the best possible world. *(30 marks)*

and

**0 | 6** 'This world cannot be the best possible world that God could have created.'  
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

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

**0 | 7** Explain religious teachings about human responsibility for both the living and non-living environment. *(30 marks)*

and

**0 | 8** 'Environmental protection should be the responsibility only of the rich.'  
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**