



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2013

Religious Studies

RSS03

Unit C Philosophy of Religion

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 RSS03.
- 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.

Answer **two** questions.

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

Question 1 The cosmological argument

0 1 Explain the following aspects of Aquinas' cosmological argument:

- its basis in observation
- the rejection of infinite regress.

(30 marks)

and

0 2 'The cosmological argument provides no proof for the existence of God.'

To what extent do you agree?

(15 marks)

Question 2 Religious experience

0 3 Explain the characteristics of mystical experiences, and outline how mystical experiences might be simulated.

(30 marks)

and

0 4 'It is necessary to have a religious experience in order to understand fully what a religious experience is.'

How far do you agree?

(15 marks)

Question 3 Psychology and religion

0 5 Explain the following:

- religion as a response to repressed guilt
- the theory of archetypes.

(30 marks)

and

0 6 'Jung's understanding of religion does not challenge religious belief.'

Assess this claim.

(15 marks)

Question 4 Atheism and postmodernism

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 Explain the role of the following in the rise of atheism:

- science
- evil.

*(30 marks)***and**

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 'Religion has no effective answers to the challenges of atheism.'

How far do you agree?

*(15 marks)***END OF QUESTIONS**

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