



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2013

Religious Studies

RSS08

Unit H Religion and Contemporary Society

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 RSS08.
- 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 Changing patterns of religious practice in the UK during the 20th century

0 1 Explain ways in which religion is seen to be in decline in the United Kingdom today. *(30 marks)*

and

0 2 'Religion in the United Kingdom is in total decline.'
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

Question 2 Expressions of religion within society

0 3 Explain how various buildings are used to meet the needs of religious groups for purposes **other than worship**. *(30 marks)*

and

0 4 'It is not places of worship but other religious buildings that are the real sign that religion is present in society.'
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

Question 3 Issues of identity and belonging

0 5 Examine ways in which religion attempts to maintain community. You may refer to one or more religion(s) in your answer. *(30 marks)*

and

0 6 'Maintaining community is a vital role of religion.'
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

Question 4 An introduction to New Religious Movements (NRMs)

0 7 Examine the nature of millenarianism as found in New Religious Movements. *(30 marks)*

and

0 8 'It is only the state of the world today that makes millenarian views attractive to people.'
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS