



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2013

Religious Studies

RST3A

Unit 3A Religion and Ethics

Thursday 6 June 2013 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 RST3A.
- 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 100.
- 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 Libertarianism, free will and determinism

0 1 Examine the concepts of 'hard' determinism and 'soft' determinism. (30 marks)

and

0 2 'If we have no choice but to commit a crime, we should not be held morally responsible for it.'

How far do you agree? (20 marks)

Question 2 Virtue Ethics

0 3 Explain moral and intellectual virtues as found in Virtue Ethics theory. (30 marks)

and

0 4 'Virtue Ethics is completely compatible with a religious approach to ethics.'

Assess this view. (20 marks)

Question 3 Religious views on sexual behaviour and human relationships

0 5 Examine religious views on sexual behaviour, both inside and outside marriage. (30 marks)

and

0 6 'Religion should not concern itself with sexual behaviour.'

How far do you agree? (20 marks)

Question 4 Science and technology

0 7 Examine the role of ethics in making decisions about experimentation on humans. (30 marks)

and

0 8 'When dealing with experimentation on humans, religious ethical systems are more straightforward than other ethical systems.'

Assess this view. (20 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS