



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
June 2013

## Religious Studies

## RST3F

Unit 3F Religion and Contemporary Society

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 RST3F.
- 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.

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**Question 1 Religion responding to the challenges facing the world**

**0 1** With reference to **one or more** religion(s), examine attitudes towards, and actions on, trade and aid. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 2** Assess how far these attitudes and actions relate to central teachings within the religion(s) you have chosen. *(20 marks)*

**Question 2 Challenges to religion in contemporary society**

**0 3** Examine the ways in which religion in the United Kingdom can be seen to be in decline. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 4** 'The decline of religion is the most significant aspect of secularisation.'  
Assess this claim. *(20 marks)*

**Question 3 New forms of spirituality both within and outside religions**

**0 5** Examine the various ways in which spirituality may be defined. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 6** 'There is no place for spirituality in the 21<sup>st</sup> century world.'  
Assess this claim. *(20 marks)*

**Question 4 Religion and national identity**

**0 7** Outline what is meant by an 'established church' and examine the role of an established church in the United Kingdom today. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 8** 'An established church is an expression of national identity.'  
How far do you agree? *(20 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**