



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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Religious Studies

RST4C

**Unit 4C Religious Authority OR
Ways of Moral Decision-Making OR
Ways of Reading and Understanding Scripture**

Friday 14 June 2013 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

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 RST4C.
- Choose **one** section only.
 - Section A Religious Authority page 2
 - Section B Ways of Moral Decision-Making page 3
 - Section C Ways of Reading and Understanding Scripture page 4
- Answer **one** question.
 - 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 75.
- 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.

Section A RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 1

0 1 Examine different types of religious authority and how they are used in **one or more** religion(s). *(45 marks)*

and

0 2 'Religious authority is strongest when it comes from a variety of sources.'
Evaluate this claim. *(30 marks)*

Question 2

0 3 Examine scientific **and** philosophical challenges to religious authority. *(45 marks)*

and

0 4 'Science cannot challenge the authority of religion because religion and science are totally different.'
How far do you agree? *(30 marks)*

Section B WAYS OF MORAL DECISION-MAKING

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 3

0 5 With reference to laws from scripture and from religious institutions, explain how religious laws are used in moral decision-making. *(45 marks)*

and

0 6 'Obeying religious laws means that religious people always make good moral decisions.'
Evaluate this view. *(30 marks)*

Question 4

0 7 Examine the use of teleological ethical systems in moral decision-making. Illustrate your answer with reference to **either** medical research and medical developments **or** business practice and economics. *(45 marks)*

and

0 8 'Teleological ethical systems are the best moral systems.'
How far do you agree? *(30 marks)*

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Section C WAYS OF READING AND UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 5

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 Examine different types of literature found in the scriptures of **one** religion. (45 marks)

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 'The different types of literature in scripture all have the same status.'
Evaluate this claim. (30 marks)

Question 6

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 Examine teachings about God/Ultimate Reality in the scriptures of **one** religion. (45 marks)

and

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 Assess the view that scriptural teachings about God/Ultimate Reality are literally true. (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS