



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## Religious Studies

## RSS01

Unit A Religion and Ethics 1

Tuesday 13 May 2014 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 **Paper Reference** is RSS01.
- 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.

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

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**Question 1     Utilitarianism**

**0 | 1** Explain how **both** Bentham's Utilitarianism and Mill's Utilitarianism may be applied to **one** ethical issue of your choice. (Do **not** choose abortion or euthanasia.) **[30 marks]**

and

**0 | 2** 'Ending the pain of people who are suffering is more important than increasing the pleasure of people who are not in pain.' Assess this view. **[15 marks]**

**Question 2     Situation Ethics**

**0 | 3** Examine any **four** of Fletcher's six fundamental principles. **[30 marks]**

and

**0 | 4** 'From a Christian point of view, Situation Ethics does not offer an acceptable way of making moral decisions.' Consider how far you agree. **[15 marks]**

**Question 3     Religious teaching on the nature and value of human life**

**0 | 5** Examine religious views about the value of human life with particular reference to the quality of life and self-sacrifice. **[30 marks]**

and

**0 | 6** 'Religion supports gender equality.' How far do you agree? **[15 marks]**

**Question 4    Abortion and euthanasia**

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| <b>0</b> | <b>7</b> | Examine the following definitions for the start of human life and explain their relevance to the abortion debate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• conception</li><li>• primitive streak</li><li>• viability.</li></ul> | <b>[30 marks]</b> |
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| <b>0</b> | <b>8</b> | 'Abortion should be illegal.' How far can religion support this view? | <b>[15 marks]</b> |
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**END OF QUESTIONS**

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