



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2014

Religious Studies

RSS08

Unit H Religion and Contemporary Society

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 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 United Kingdom (UK) during the 20th century**

0 | **1** Examine the relative numerical strengths and distributions of different religious groups in the United Kingdom (UK). **[30 marks]**

and

0 | **2** To what extent can the United Kingdom (UK) still be described as a Christian country? **[15 marks]**

Question 2 **Expressions of religion within society**

0 | **3** Examine the role taken by religious leaders in the wider society beyond their faith communities. You should refer to **one or more religion(s)** in your answer. **[30 marks]**

and

0 | **4** ‘Views expressed by religious leaders are only ever relevant to people of their own faith community.’

Assess this claim. **[15 marks]**

Question 3 **Issues of identity and belonging**

0 | **5** Examine the meaning of the following terms:
• religious identity
• cultural identity
• assimilation. **[30 marks]**

and

0 | **6** ‘Religious identity is more important to people today than cultural identity.’

Assess this view. **[15 marks]**

Question 4 An introduction to New Religious Movements (NRMs)**0 7**

Outline what is meant by the phrase 'New Religious Movement' and examine the theological explanations for the rise of such movements.

[30 marks]**and****0 8**

'The beliefs of New Religious Movements have little meaning for people in the 21st century.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]**END OF QUESTIONS**

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