



General Certificate of Education
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Religious Studies

RST4C

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

Thursday 19 June 2014 9.00am to 10.30am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

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Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is RST4C.
- Choose **one** section only.
Section A Religious Authority page 2 or
Section B Ways of Moral Decision-Making page 3 or
Section C Ways of Reading and Understanding Scripture page 4
- Answer **one** question in the section you have chosen.
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 sources of religious authority and how their authority is used. **[45 marks]**

and

0 2 'All sources of religious authority depend upon each other.'
Evaluate this claim. **[30 marks]**

Question 2

0 3 Examine challenges to religious authority from scriptural interpretation and criticism. **[45 marks]**

and

0 4 'Religious authority can overcome any challenge.'
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 Examine how religious teachings may help people to determine good and bad, right and wrong. **[45 marks]**

and

0 6 'The best guide to moral decision-making is the religious conscience.'
Assess this claim. **[30 marks]**

Question 4

0 7 Examine the use of hybrid ethical systems with reference to **either** medical research and medical developments **or** business practice and economics. **[45 marks]**

and

0 8 'Hybrid ethical systems can solve any moral issue.'
Evaluate this claim. **[30 marks]**

Turn over for Section C

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

- 0 9** Examine what the scriptures of **one** religion teach about how and why humans should behave in a particular way. **[45 marks]**

and

- 1 0** 'Scriptural teachings about how humans should live their lives must be followed in every detail.'
- How far do you agree? **[30 marks]**

Question 6

- 1 1** Examine ways in which people might study scriptures in order to gain full insight into their meaning. **[45 marks]**

and

- 1 2** 'Full insight into the meaning of scriptures can only be achieved with the help of scholars.'
- How far do you agree? **[30 marks]**

END OF QUESTIONS