



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2015

Religious Studies

RSS01

Unit A Religion and Ethics 1

Thursday 14 May 2015 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. 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 Utilitarianism

0 1 Explain each of the following:

- how moral decisions are made using Rule Utilitarianism
- Mill's ideas concerning the importance of the quality of pleasure.

[30 marks]

and

0 2 'Utilitarianism provides a good way of making moral decisions.'

How far do you agree?

[15 marks]

Question 2 Situation Ethics

0 3 Explain each of Fletcher's four presumptions of Situation Ethics: pragmatism, contextual relativism, positivism and personalism.

[30 marks]

and

0 4 'Situation Ethics is a practical form of moral decision-making.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

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

0 5 With reference to **one** religion you have studied, examine religious teaching about the human condition.

[30 marks]

and

0 6 'From a religious perspective, non-human life has little importance.'

How far is this true?

[15 marks]

Question 4 Abortion and euthanasia

0 7 Explain what is meant by euthanasia with particular reference to:

- active and passive euthanasia
- voluntary and non-voluntary euthanasia.

[30 marks]

and

0 8 'From a religious perspective, euthanasia is never good.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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