



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
June 2015

## Religious Studies

## RSS04

### Unit D Religion, Philosophy and Science

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 RSS04.
- 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.

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Answer **two** questions.

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

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### Question 1 Miracles

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 Explain the argument that some events are miracles only because they are interpreted as such. **[30 marks]**

and

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 'God does perform miracles.'  
How far do you agree? **[15 marks]**

### Question 2 Creation

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 Explain:  

- the Big Bang theory of the origin of the universe
- the evolutionary theory for the origin and development of life.

**[30 marks]**

and

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 'God is no longer needed to explain the origin of the universe.'  
Assess this claim. **[15 marks]**

### Question 3 The design argument

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 Outline Hume's objections to the design argument **and** explain Swinburne's defence of the design argument. **[30 marks]**

and

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 'Swinburne was right about the design argument.'  
How far do you agree? **[15 marks]**

**Question 4 Quantum mechanics and a religious world view**

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Explain the idea that quantum mechanics and mysticism give similar insights into the nature of reality.

**[30 marks]**

**and**

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'Quantum mechanics has simply discovered something about reality that mystics already knew.'

Assess this claim.

**[15 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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