



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2015

Religious Studies

RST3F

Unit 3F Religion and Contemporary Society

Wednesday 10 June 2015 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 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 RST3F.
- 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 100.
- 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.

Question 1 Religion responding to the challenges facing the world

0 1 Examine attitudes towards environmental issues found in **one or more** religion(s) you have studied. **[30 marks]**

and

0 2 'Religious teachings about the created world cannot meet today's environmental challenges.'
Assess this view. **[20 marks]**

Question 2 Challenges to religion in contemporary society

0 3 Examine the following as meanings of secularisation:

- institutional decline
- the removal of religion from the public to the private realms of life
- the loss of a sense of mystery about the physical world.

[30 marks]

and

0 4 'The loss of a sense of mystery about the physical world is the most important meaning of secularisation.'
Assess this view. **[20 marks]**

Question 3 New forms of spirituality both within and outside religions

0 5 Examine the nature of new forms of spirituality found within mainstream religious groups. **[30 marks]**

and

0 6 'There is nothing 'new' about the new forms of spirituality found in mainstream religious groups today.'
How far do you agree? **[20 marks]**

Question 4 Religion and national identity

0 7 Examine various ways in which religion may be seen to be linked to national identity in the United Kingdom (UK). **[30 marks]**

and

0 8 'Links between religion and national identity are helpful to a society.'
Assess this view. **[20 marks]**

END OF QUESTIONS

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