



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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Religious Studies

RST4A

Unit 4A **Life, Death and Beyond OR**
Perceptions of Ultimate Reality OR
Religious Experience

Wednesday 17 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

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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 RST4A.
- Choose **one** section only
Section A Life, Death and Beyond page 2 or
Section B Perceptions of Ultimate Reality page 3 or
Section C Religious Experience 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. 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 LIFE, DEATH AND BEYOND

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 1

0 1 Examine religious perspectives on the nature of human life. **[45 marks]**

and

0 2 'Ideas about the nature of human life are of little importance to people today.'
Discuss how far you agree. **[30 marks]**

Question 2

0 3 Examine **both** religious and non-religious beliefs about life beyond death. **[45 marks]**

and

0 4 'For those who believe in life beyond death, the present life is of little importance.'
Discuss how far you agree. **[30 marks]**

Section B PERCEPTIONS OF ULTIMATE REALITY

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 3

0 5 Examine the impact that beliefs about the human situation in relation to God / Ultimate Reality may have on:

- the way people live their lives
- people's attitude to life.

[45 marks]

and

0 6 'The nature of God / Ultimate Reality means that a personal relationship with God / Ultimate Reality is impossible.'

Discuss how far you agree.

[30 marks]

Question 4

0 7 Examine how ideas about God / Ultimate Reality are expressed both in art and in symbols. [45 marks]

and

0 8 'Only personal religious experience can bring any real understanding of God / Ultimate Reality.'

Discuss how far you agree.

[30 marks]

Turn over for Section C

Section C RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 5

0 9 Examine scholarly understandings of the types and styles of religious experience. **[45 marks]**

and

1 0 'The nature of God / Ultimate Reality means that God / Ultimate Reality cannot be experienced.'

Discuss how far you agree.

[30 marks]

Question 6

1 1 Examine the value of religious experience in one or more religion(s) as:

- historical events
- ongoing present day experiences.

[45 marks]

and

1 2 'Reports of religious experience are simply not believable in the 21st century.'

Discuss how far you agree.

[30 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS