

## AS RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Unit A Religion and Ethics 1

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Thursday 19 May 2016

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 8-page answer book.

### 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. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work 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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**Question 1 Utilitarianism**

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Explain how Act Utilitarianism may be used to make moral decisions with reference to any ethical issue(s) of your choice. (Do **not** choose abortion or euthanasia).

[30 marks]

and

0 | 2

'Act Utilitarianism is not an effective way of making moral decisions.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

**Question 2 Situation Ethics**

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Explain each of the following.

- The meaning and importance of 'the situation' in Situation Ethics.
- How Situation Ethics may be seen as the middle way between legalism and antinomianism.

[30 marks]

and

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'A loving action is a right action.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

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

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Examine religious teaching about equality with particular reference to gender and disability. You may refer to one or more religion(s) in your answer.

[30 marks]

and

0 | 6

'Religion is not really interested in race equality.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

**Question 4 Abortion and euthanasia**

**0 7** Explain the arguments in favour of abortion based on:

- the best interests of the mother
- the principle of double effect.

**[30 marks]**

**and**

**0 8** 'The unborn child is only a potential life.'

Assess this view.

**[15 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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