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RELIGIOUS STUDIES **RS01**
Unit 1 An introduction to Religion and Human Experience

Thursday 15 January 2004 Morning Session

In addition to this paper you will require:
an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour

Instructions
- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is RS01.
- Answer **two** questions: **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Information
- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

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Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

1 Read the passage and answer questions (a) and (b) which follow.

"For believers, the scriptures are a guide to practice, but the same passage of scripture can mean different things to different people. As a result, while believers follow the scriptures, they do so in different ways."

    (a)   In what ways may scriptures be used as a guide to practice? *(10 marks)*

    (b)   Explain why the same passage of scripture can mean different things to different people.
(10 marks)

2   (a)   Explain what is meant by religious experience. *(15 marks)*

    (b)   Explain how religious experience may be a source of faith, and assess the view that believers cannot rely on religious experience alone as a source of faith and practice. *(25 marks)*

3   (a)   Explain religious beliefs about the revelation and authority of scripture. *(15 marks)*

    (b)   Explain what other sources of authority can be found in a religion, and assess the view that scripture provides the only authority that a believer needs. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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