

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



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

Thursday 5 June 2003 Afternoon 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.

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

“For some believers, the way into a religion is through a conversion experience. Their new-found faith is then further inspired by the scriptures of their religion.”

(a) Explain what is meant by a conversion experience. *(10 marks)*

(b) Explain how believers may be inspired by the scriptures of their religion. *(10 marks)*

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

(b) (i) Explain the main features of a revelation experience; **and**

(ii) assess the view that no form of religious experience can be trusted as a source of faith and practice. *(25 marks)*

**3** (a) Outline the teaching of **one** religious tradition about the nature and revelation of its scriptures. *(15 marks)*

(b) Explain what other sources of authority there are in religion, and assess the view that scripture is the most important authority in religion today. *(25 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**