

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



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

Thursday 8 June 2006 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

For this paper you must have:

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

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

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

1 Read this passage and answer parts (a) and (b) which follow.

‘Scriptures contain writings of many different kinds and these affect believers in a variety of ways. They can be an inspiration for faith, causing people to believe, giving them hope and making them want to live better lives. They also show believers how to live better lives.’

(a) Identify and explain **three** different kinds of writings found in scripture. *(10 marks)*

(b) Explain the role of scripture as an inspiration for faith. *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Explain the role of **both** scripture **and** religious experience as sources of authority in religion. *(15 marks)*

(b) Explain the role of religious leaders as a source of authority, and assess the view that scripture is the most important source of authority in religion today. *(25 marks)*

3 (a) Explain the distinctive features of the following forms of religious experience: revelation **and** visions. *(15 marks)*

(b) Outline the beliefs of **one** religion you have studied about the revelation or inspiration of its scriptures, and assess the view that religious experience is of no importance as a source of authority in religion today. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS