

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 4 An introduction to Religion and Ethics

RS04

Wednesday 16 January 2008 9.00 am to 10.00 am

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 RS04.
- 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 will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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

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

‘Kant believed that it was very important for human beings to use their reason when making ethical decisions. Religious believers apply their religious teachings to their thinking about ethical issues, such as transplantation.’

- (a) Explain what Kant taught about the role of human reason when making ethical decisions. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Outline the teachings of **one** religion you have studied which may be applied to the medical issue of transplantation. *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Outline Kant’s theory of universalisation and explain how it can be applied to environmental issues. *(15 marks)*

- (b) (i) Outline the teachings of **one** religion you have studied which may be applied to environmental issues.
- (ii) Assess the view that neither religious teachings nor Kant are of any help in guiding people on environmental issues. *(25 marks)*

3 (a) Outline Bentham’s principle of utility and explain how it can be used to justify abortion. *(15 marks)*

- (b) Outline the teachings of **one** religion you have studied which can be applied to the issue of abortion, and assess the view that religious teachings alone can never justify abortion. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS