

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 4 An introduction to Religion and Ethics

RS04

Monday 17 January 2005 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 RS04.
- 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.

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

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

“The increasing human population is causing all kinds of pollution issues. As the population grows, its need for food and energy increases, as well as the amount of waste it produces. It is our moral duty to do something about these problems, now.”

(a) Explain what **one** religion you have studied says about the problem of pollution. *(10 marks)*

(b) Outline how Kant’s theory of ‘the good will’ might be applied to the problem of pollution. *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Explain the central principles of Utilitarianism as set out by JS Mill. *(15 marks)*

(b) Examine the views of **one** religion you have studied on the allocation of medical resources, and assess the claim that Utilitarianism provides a better guide to this issue than does religion. *(25 marks)*

3 (a) Explain the teachings of **one** religion you have studied concerning euthanasia. *(15 marks)*

(b) Explain how Kant’s theory of the Universal Law could be applied to the issue of euthanasia, and assess the view that any law on euthanasia should be based on this theory. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS