

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 4 An introduction to Religion and Ethics

RS04

Tuesday 17 January 2006 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 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.

‘In a society where everyone has an equal right to health care, queuing for treatment is inevitable. But this is not sensible or fair if patients with serious needs have to wait just because they are at the back of the queue.’

- (a) Explain how Kant’s theory about human reason can be applied to the medical issue of the allocation of resources. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Outline the ethical principles of **one** religion you have studied which may be applied to the medical issue of the allocation of resources. *(10 marks)*

- 2** (a) Explain the perspectives of **one** religion you have studied on the environmental issue of pollution. *(15 marks)*
- (b) ‘Mill’s utilitarian theory of higher and lower pleasures has more relevance than religious teachings to the problem of pollution.’

Explain Mill’s utilitarian theory of higher and lower pleasures, and assess this claim. *(25 marks)*

- 3** (a) Explain the views within **one** religion you have studied on the issue of abortion. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Outline the ways in which the utilitarian theory of Bentham and the utilitarian theory of Mill could be applied to the issue of abortion, and assess which of these applications is more appropriate in addressing the issue of abortion. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS