

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**Unit 4 An introduction to Religion and Ethics**

**RS04**

Wednesday 17 January 2007 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.

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

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

‘It is difficult to apply Kant’s theory of universalisation to abortion, as many would say that it is not acceptable that every woman should have an abortion if she wants one. Some religious believers, in particular, have very strong views on abortion.’

(a) Outline Kant’s theory of universalisation. *(10 marks)*

(b) Explain what **one** religion you have studied says about the issue of abortion. *(10 marks)*

**2** (a) Examine what **one** religion you have studied says about the environmental issue of pollution. *(15 marks)*

(b) Explain how Bentham’s views on hedonism can be applied to the environmental issue of pollution, and assess the claim that religion provides a more appropriate response than Bentham’s views on hedonism to the issue of pollution today. *(25 marks)*

**3** (a) Outline Bentham’s principle of utility, and show how it can be applied to the use of embryos in medical research. *(15 marks)*

(b) Explain how a religious believer might approach the value and use of embryos in medical research, and discuss how far religious principles alone should determine how embryos are treated. *(25 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**