

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 4 An introduction to Religion and Ethics

RS04

Friday 11 June 2004 Afternoon 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.

“We are being unreasonable in using limited natural resources selfishly, and causing pollution of air, land and water. The effects of this bad stewardship will be felt not just by ourselves, but by people all over the world, and by future generations.”

- (a) According to Kant’s theory, explain how human reason can be used in making ethical decisions about the use and conservation of natural resources. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Outline the teachings of **one** religion you have studied concerning the use and conservation of natural resources. *(10 marks)*

- 2** (a) Explain what **one** religion you have studied says about the value and use of embryo research. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Explain how Kant’s ethical theory can be applied to the use of embryos in research, and assess the claim that views based on Kant’s theories have no relevance in the 21st century. *(25 marks)*

- 3** (a) Explain how Bentham’s principle of utility can be used to justify abortion. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Explain what **one** religion you have studied says about abortion, and assess the claim that religion is better than utilitarianism as a guide to making decisions about the ethics of abortion. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS