

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 4 An introduction to Religion and Ethics

RS04

Thursday 7 June 2007 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

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.

‘The word ‘euthanasia’ is derived from the Greek for a good or gentle death. It is clear from the discussions that this subject provokes that the idea of ‘a good death’ is important to all of us, although religious believers might well interpret ‘a good death’ differently from the rest of society.’

- (a) Explain how the teaching of **one** religion you have studied could be applied to the issue of euthanasia. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Outline ways in which utilitarianism could be applied to the issue of euthanasia. *(10 marks)*

- 2** (a) Explain how Mill’s account of utilitarianism can be seen as both building on, and as criticising, the ideas of Bentham. *(15 marks)*
- (b) (i) Explain how the teaching of **one** religion you have studied could be applied to the issue of the use of natural resources.
- (ii) Assess the claim that this teaching should replace utilitarianism as the dominant approach to the issue of the use of natural resources. *(25 marks)*

- 3** (a) Explain how the teaching of **one** religion you have studied could be applied to the issue of allocation of resources in medicine. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Outline Kant’s ethical theory, and assess the claim that Kant’s theory, rather than religious principles, should determine the way resources in medicine are allocated. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS