

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



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

**RS04**

Tuesday 3 June 2008 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black 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.

‘Pollution levels are rising all the time with disastrous consequences for humanity. The argument that people have to burn huge amounts of fuel in order to have a pleasurable lifestyle seems wrong when one considers the effect of pollution on one’s health, the next generation and the rest of the animal kingdom.’

- (a) Outline the teachings of **one** religion you have studied that can be applied to the environmental issue of pollution. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Outline Mill’s theory of utilitarianism and explain how it can be applied to the environmental issue of pollution. *(10 marks)*

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- (a) Explain how the teachings of **one** religion you have studied can be applied to the medical issue of euthanasia. *(15 marks)*
  - (b) Explain Kant’s theory of the categorical imperative, and assess the view that any law concerning euthanasia should be based on Kant’s theory. *(25 marks)*

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- (a) Explain Kant’s ideas on the good will **and** explain how they can be applied to the use of embryos in medicine. *(15 marks)*
  - (b) Outline the teachings of **one** religion you have studied which can be applied to the use of embryos in medicine, and assess the view that religious teachings provide a better answer to the problems raised by this issue than Kant’s ideas. *(25 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**