

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 6 An introduction to Religion and Science

RS06

Thursday 9 June 2005 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 RS06.
- 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.

“Suppose you are going for a walk and come across a watch. Paley argued that even if you had never seen a watch before, you would know this watch did not come about by chance, but must be the result of the work of an intelligent mind.”

(a) Explain how Paley uses the watch analogy in his design argument for the existence of God. *(10 marks)*

(b) Outline **three** criticisms of Paley’s design argument for the existence of God. *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Explain **two** religious understandings of ‘creation’. *(15 marks)*

(b) “Scientific views of the origin of the universe are irrelevant to religious understandings of ‘creation’.”

Explain the reasons for this claim, and assess how far you agree with it. *(25 marks)*

3 (a) Explain **two** concepts of ‘miracle’. *(15 marks)*

(b) “Miracles cannot happen.”

Explain the reasons for this claim, and assess how far you agree with it. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS