

General Certificate of Education
June 2005
Advanced Level Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 9 Studies in Religion and Ethics

RS09

Tuesday 14 June 2005 Morning Session

In addition to this paper you will require:
an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

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 RS09.
- Answer **two** questions.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- 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 **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Outline the economic and business problems faced by less economically developed countries (LEDCs), and explain why these problems are matters of ethical concern. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Examine the perspectives of **one** religion on ethical issues raised by the problems of less economically developed countries (LEDCs), and assess the view that these perspectives are more idealistic than realistic in addressing these issues. *(30 marks)*
- 2 (a) Explain how ‘soft’ determinism can be seen as a combination of both ‘libertarianism’ and ‘hard’ determinism. *(20 marks)*
- (b) “Hard determinism and a religious approach to ethical living are not compatible.”
- Explain the arguments which support this view, and assess how far you agree with it. *(30 marks)*
- 3 “Virtue Theory is not so much interested in the question ‘What should I do?’ but rather in the question ‘What sort of person should I become?’ This has more to do with character, and the nature of what it is to be human, than with the rights and wrongs of specific actions.”
- (a) Explain the qualities of mind and character that are found within Virtue Theory. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Examine the views within **one** religion you have studied regarding the cloning of human embryos, and assess the claim that the cloning of human embryos is acceptable neither to a religious view of life nor to a Virtue Ethics approach to life. *(30 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS