

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 12 Studies in Religion and Human Experience

RS12

Monday 25 June 2007 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book.

You must **not** use additional materials and texts.

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 RS12.
- Answer **one** question.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- 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 **one** question.

Religious Experience

- 1 (a) Explain the different methods scholars might use to verify a religious experience. *(20 marks)*
- (b) (i) Examine the influence religious experience has as a source of faith for religious people.
- (ii) Assess the claim that religious experience has been discredited within religion today. *(30 marks)*
- 2 (a) Explain how scholarship helps to identify the different types of religious experience. *(20 marks)*
- (b) (i) Examine how religious experience helps to determine religious practice.
- (ii) 'Religious experience is only of value long after the event.'
- Assess this claim. *(30 marks)*

Religious Authority

- 3 (a) Examine the variety of types of religious authority. *(20 marks)*
- (b) (i) Examine the importance of religious authority in **one** religion you have studied.
- (ii) 'Even when it is exercised by a religion, few people accept authority today.'
- Assess this claim. *(30 marks)*
- 4 (a) Examine the nature of the sources of authority within religion. *(20 marks)*
- (b) (i) Examine secular challenges to religious authority.
- (ii) Assess the effect of religious authority on religious people today. *(30 marks)*

Life, Death and Beyond

- 5 (a) Examine different religious beliefs about existence after death. *(20 marks)*
- (b) (i) Explain how **one or more** religions you have studied use(s) symbolism to express beliefs about life after death.
- (ii) ‘There is no evidence for any form of existence after death, and any beliefs about such an existence are purely wishful thinking.’

Assess this claim. *(30 marks)*

- 6 (a) Examine eschatological and apocalyptic teaching about life after death. *(20 marks)*
- (b) (i) Examine the importance of the present life in **one** religion you have studied.
- (ii) Teachings about life after death are not relevant as a guide to people living their lives in the 21st century.’

Assess this claim. *(30 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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