



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS01

Unit A Religion and Ethics 1

Thursday 26 May 2011 9.00 am to 10.15 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 8-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 minutes

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 RSS01.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **two** questions.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 Utilitarianism

- 0 1** Examine the general principles of utilitarianism with reference to any ethical issue(s) of your choice. (Do **not** choose abortion or euthanasia.) (30 marks)

and

- 0 2** 'Utilitarianism is so easy, anyone can use it as a method of moral decision-making.'
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

Question 2 Situation Ethics

- 0 3** Examine the following ideas as they appear in the theory of Situation Ethics:
- situation
 - conscience
 - relativism.
- (30 marks)

and

- 0 4** 'There are no rules in Situation Ethics.'
Assess this view. (15 marks)

Question 3 Religious teaching on the nature and value of human life

- 0 5** Examine religious teachings about the value of human life with particular reference to quality of life and self-sacrifice. (30 marks)

and

- 0 6** 'Non-human life should be valued just as highly as human life.'
To what extent could religion accept this view? (15 marks)

Question 4 Abortion and euthanasia

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Explain religious teachings that support the view that ending the life of another human being can never be justified. Refer to **both** abortion **and** euthanasia in your answer. (30 marks)

and

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'Human beings should be able to decide when to die.'

Discuss how far you agree with this statement. (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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