



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2011

Religious Studies

RSS04

Unit D Religion, Philosophy and Science

Wednesday 12 January 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 RSS04.
- 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 Miracles

0 1 Explain religious and scientific challenges to the idea of an interventionist God. (30 marks)

and

0 2 'If God does not intervene, then there are no miracles.'
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

Question 2 Creation

0 3 Explain scientific views of the origin and end of the universe. (30 marks)

and

0 4 'Scientific views of the origin of the universe leave no room for God.'
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

Question 3 The design argument

0 5 Explain Dawkins' arguments against the design argument **and** Swinburne's arguments in support of the design argument. (30 marks)

and

0 6 'It is not reasonable to believe in God because of the design argument.'
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

Question 4 Quantum mechanics and a religious world view

0 7 Explain how the scientific understanding of both the nature of light and the nature of the electron may have implications for religious belief. (30 marks)

and

0 8 'Quantum mechanics makes agreement between science and religion possible.'
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS