

General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Examination June 2012

# **Religious Studies**

# RSS08

## Unit H Religion and Contemporary Society

Wednesday 16 May 2012 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 RSS08.
- 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.

## **RSS08**

Answer two questions.

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

### Question 1 Changing patterns of religious practice in the UK during the 20<sup>th</sup> century



Examine the changing patterns of membership within Christianity in the UK during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. *(30 marks)* 

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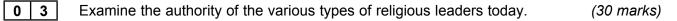
'These changing patterns of membership are due to changes in society rather than to changes in belief.'

Assess this claim.

(15 marks)

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### Question 2 Expressions of religion within society



### and



**4** 'Religious leaders are the most important source of authority for religious believers today.'

How far do you agree?

### Question 3 Issues of identity and belonging



Examine the times and facilities needed for the practice of religion in the UK today. You may refer to one or more religion(s) in your answer. (30 marks)

#### and



'It is not reasonable for all religious groups to expect that there should be times and facilities for the practice of their religion.'

How far do you agree?

## Question 4 An introduction to New Religious Movements (NRMs)

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7	Examine the nature of New Religious Movements (NRMs).	(30 marks)

and



'New Religious Movements are only ever short-lived.'

Assess this claim.

END OF QUESTIONS

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