



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## Religious Studies

## RSS08

Unit H Religion and Contemporary Society

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 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.

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Answer **two** questions.

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

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

**0 1** Outline the various ways in which religious practice can be measured, and examine the relative strengths of the religious groups found in the United Kingdom (UK) today. (30 marks)

and

**0 2** 'Being a committed member of a religious group has lost its significance in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.'

Assess this claim. (15 marks)

**Question 2 Expressions of religion within society**

**0 3** Outline the meaning of the term 'faith school', and examine the role of these schools in the educational system of the United Kingdom (UK) today. (30 marks)

and

**0 4** 'Religious groups should not be involved in the provision of education today.'

Assess this view. (15 marks)

**Question 3 Issues of identity and belonging**

**0 5** Examine the concepts of 'identity' and 'assimilation' with reference to **one or more** religion(s). (30 marks)

and

**0 6** 'In today's society, assimilation is essential.'

How far do you agree? (15 marks)

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

**0 7** Examine the concept of millenarianism with reference to New Religious Movements. (30 marks)

and

**0 8** 'Millenarian movements have little appeal to people in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.'

Assess this claim. (15 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**