

General Certificate of Education Advanced Level Examination June 2011

Religious Studies

RST3A

Unit 3A Religion and Ethics

Monday 13 June 2011 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

• an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

1 hour 30 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 RST3A.
- 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 100.
- 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 Libertarianism, free will and determinism

1 Explain the concepts of the personality and the moral self in libertarianism. (30 marks)

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'In libertarianism there is no moral responsibility.'

Assess this claim.

(20 marks)

Question 2 Virtue Ethics



Explain **one** version of Virtue Ethics, and apply this to any ethical issue **apart from issues in science and technology.** (30 marks)

and



With reference to your chosen ethical issue, assess the strengths and weaknesses of Virtue Ethics as an ethical system. (20 marks)

Question 3 Religious views on sexual behaviour and human relationships



Examine the ways in which **one** religion uses scripture as a basis for its teachings about sexual behaviour. *(30 marks)*

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6 Assess how far these teachings can be said to have any relevance today. (20 marks)

Question 4 Science and technology



Examine the perspectives within **one** religion concerning animal experimentation.

(30 marks)

and



How far should religious views determine the ethics behind animal experimentation? (20 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS